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宿命の血を継ぐ男、弦月之介。
その剣は死を告げ、その心は死を許す!!

【弦月之介】獣の顔をした3人の僧侶。突然の襲撃に傷を負い、逃げ込んだ尼寺で、弦之介は刺客に狙われても死なない尼と出会う。

【妖刀】新撰組の沖田総司が手にした妖刀。持つ者に力を与え、代わりに命を吸い取る刀に取り憑かれた沖田の前に、死んだはずの獣の僧侶が現れる。

そして弦之介は真の所有者を求め、対決の時に挑む。

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Beast

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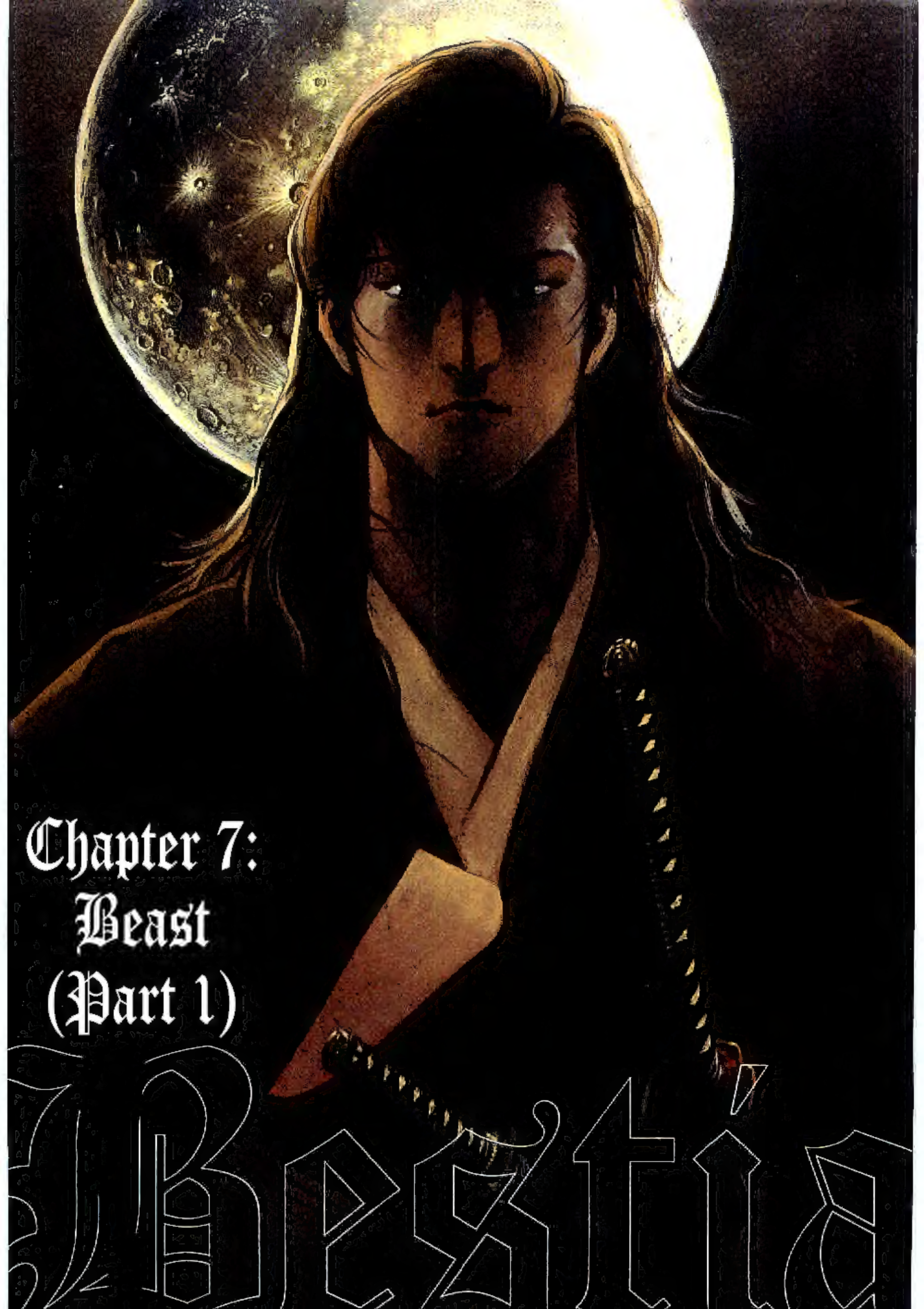

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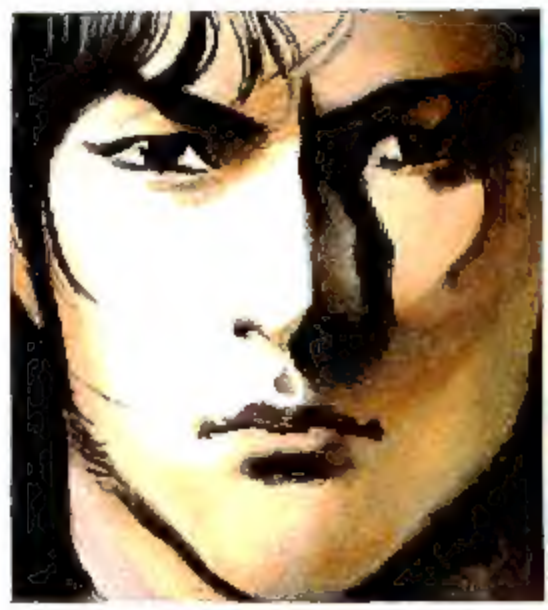

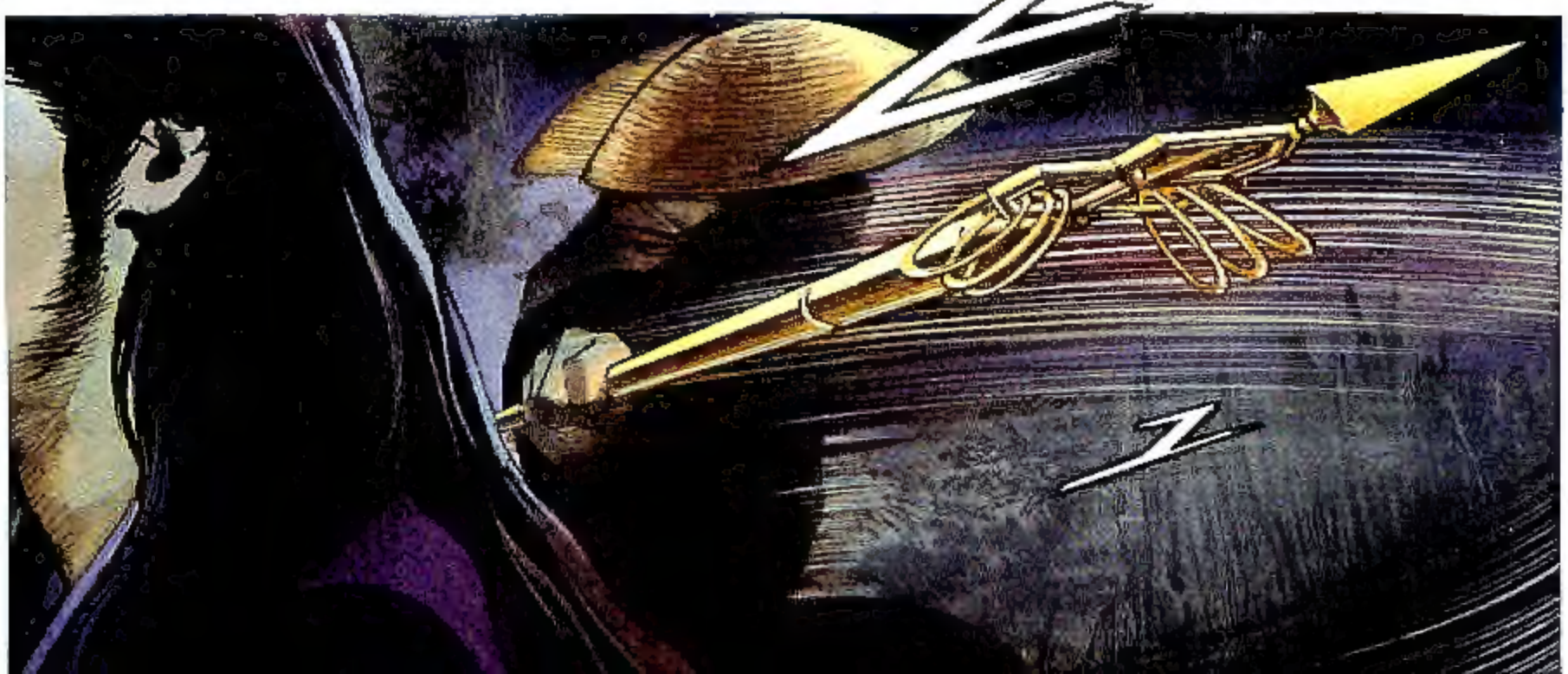
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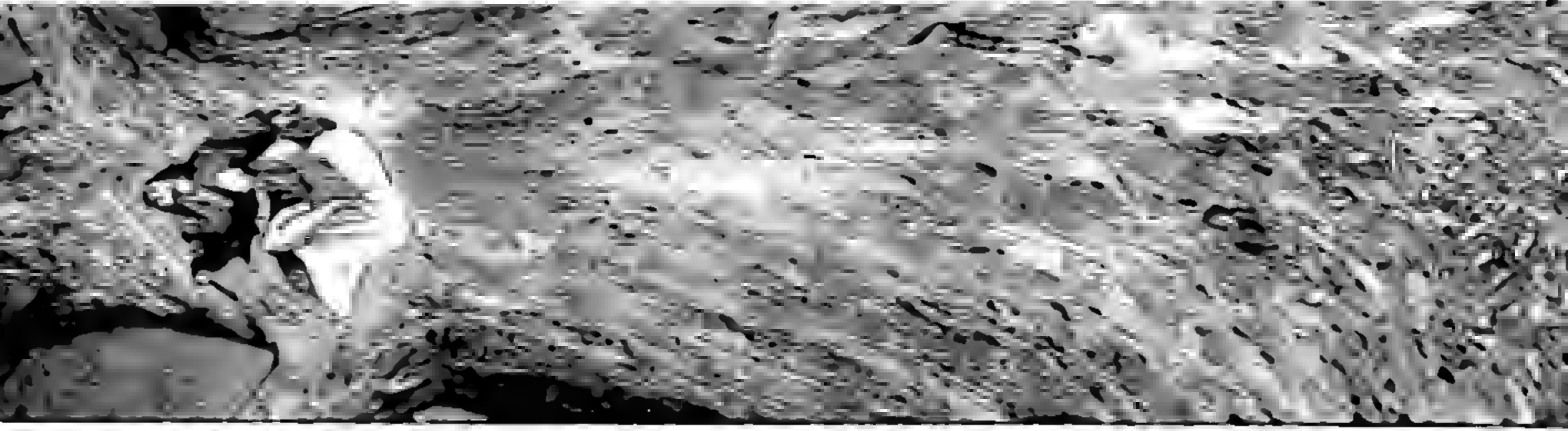
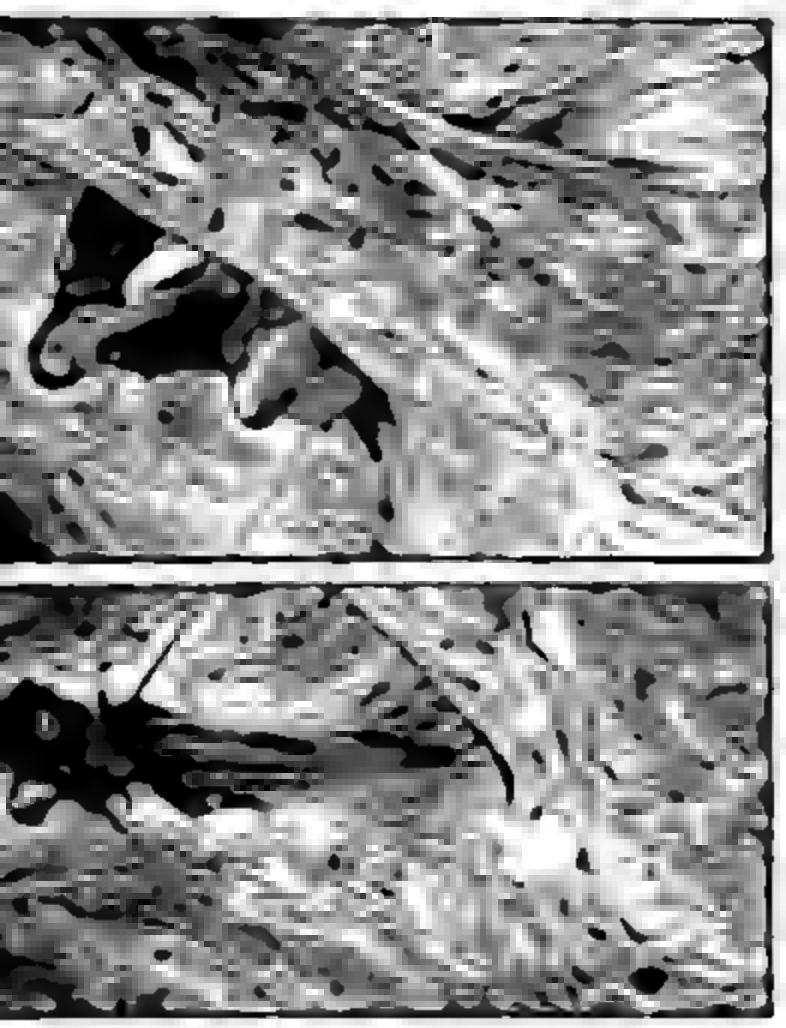
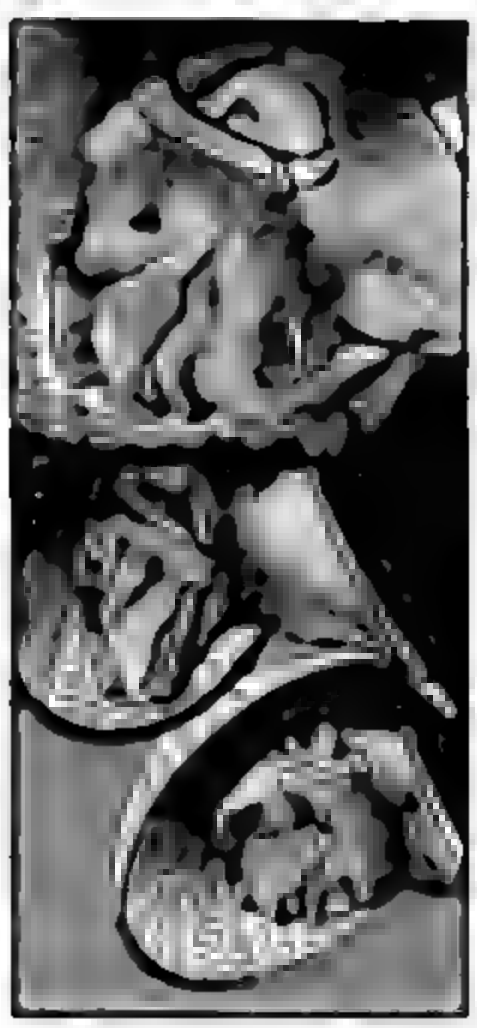
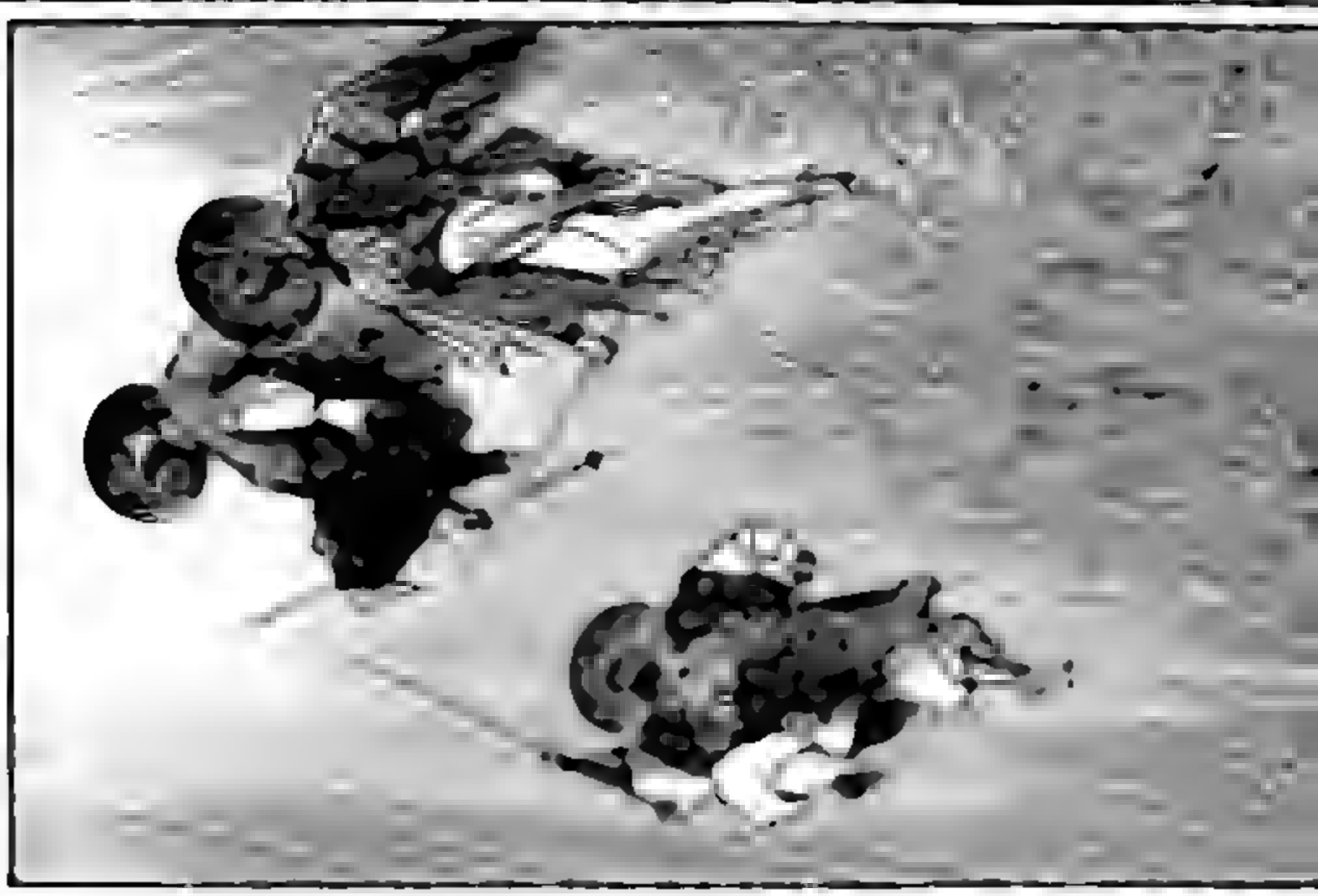
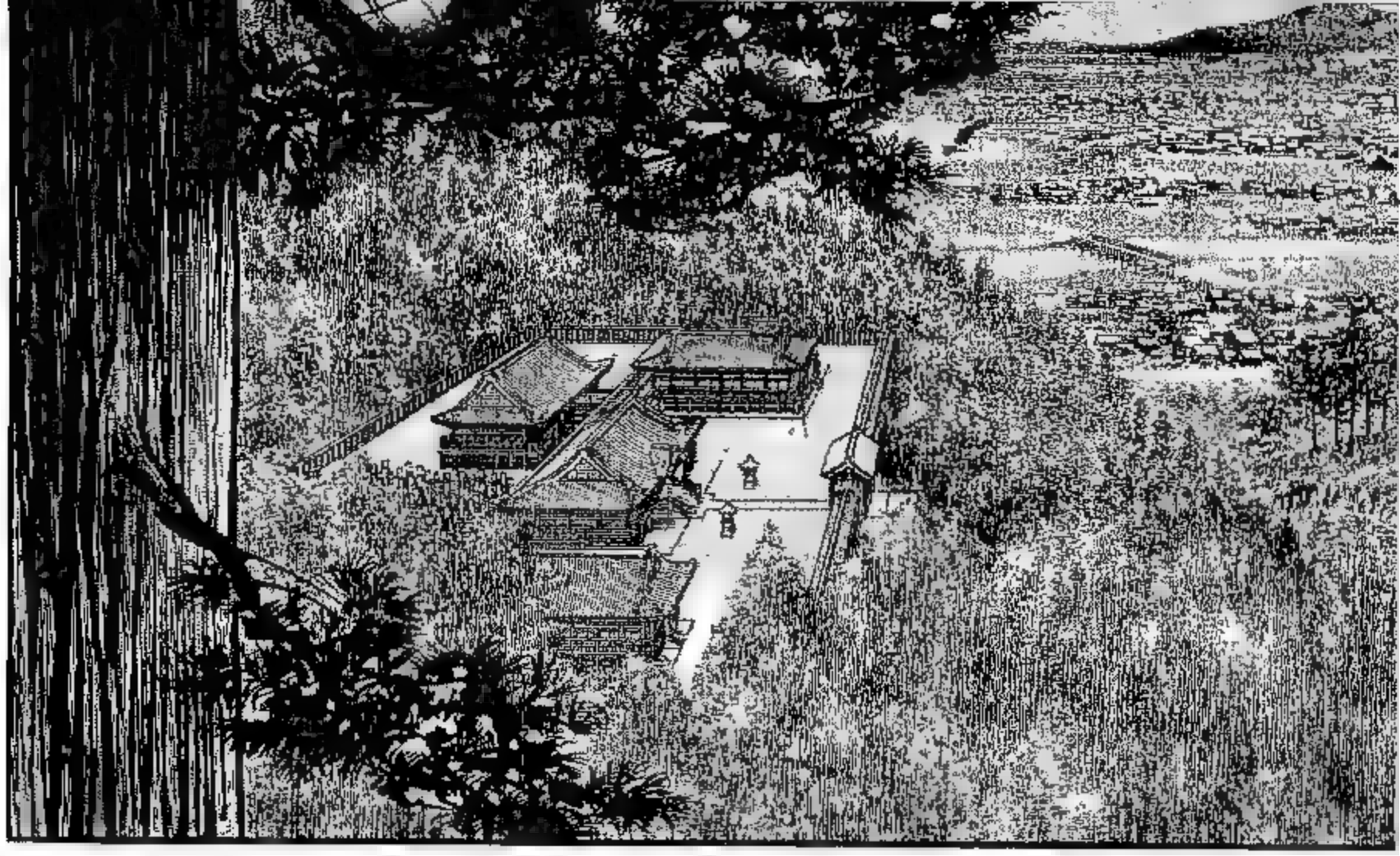
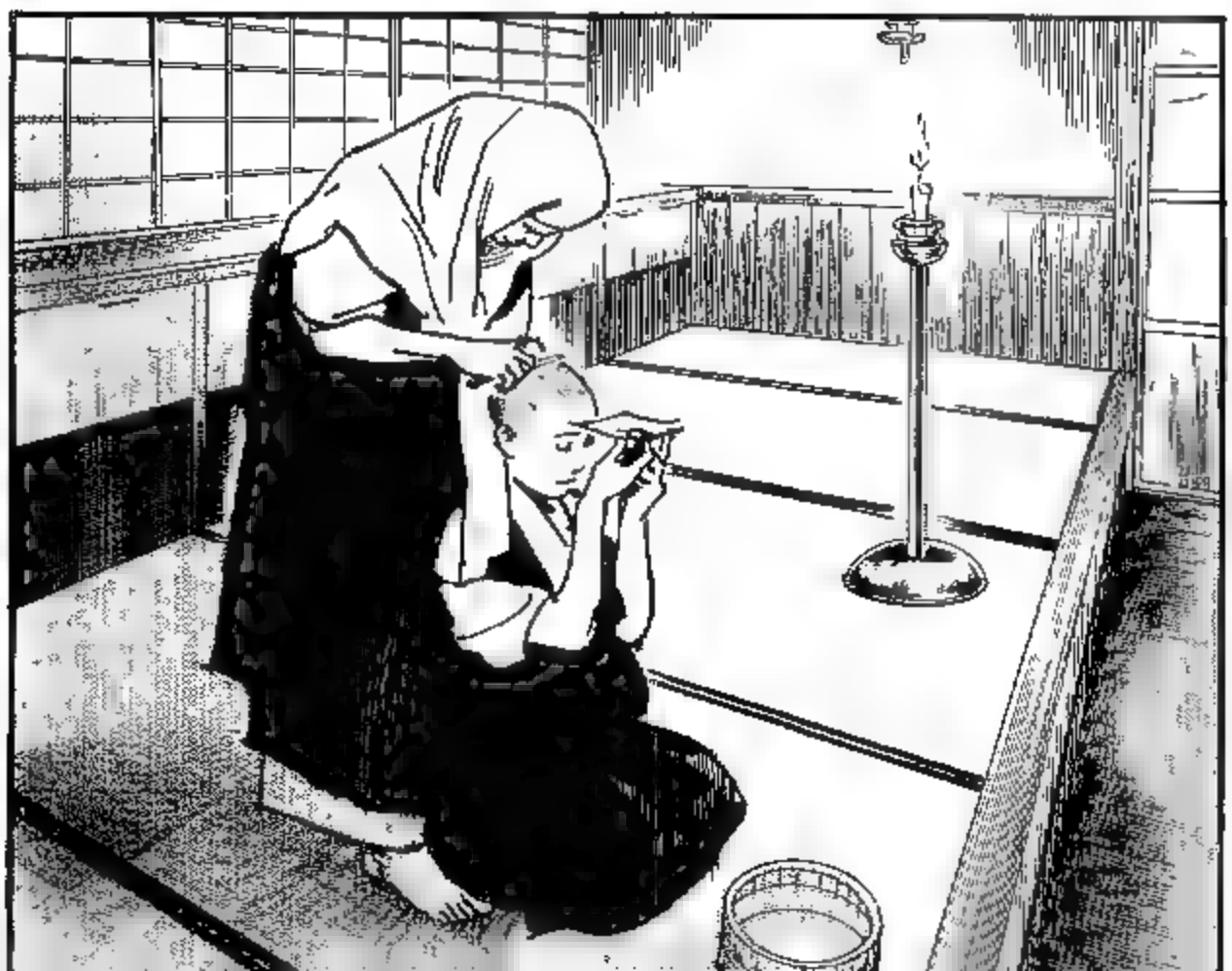









Sign: Reisen Temple

KYAH ...

HEE HEE HEE...

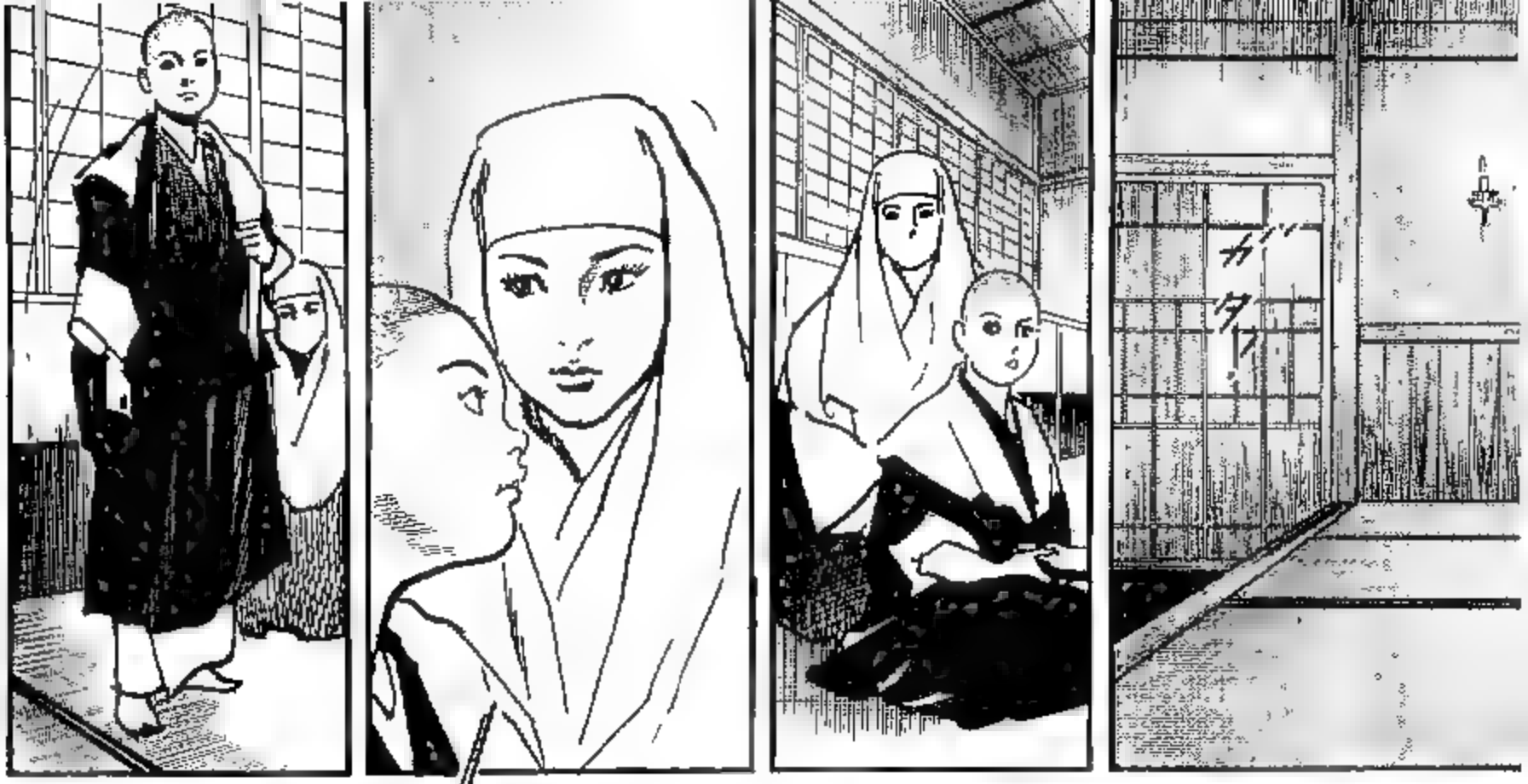
OH MY... YOU EVEN HAVE COMPASSION FOR MOSQUITOES, LADY SHIJAKU?

PLEASE FORGIVE ME. IT IS NOT A SIN FOR A MOSQUITO TO THIRST FOR BLOOD, BUT...

THAT'S RIGHT... YOU HAVE A FINE CHARACTER.

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL AS IF THAT'S ONLY NATURAL ...

THOSE WHO SHAVE THEIR HEADS AND ENTER THE PRIESTHOOD TO STRIVE FOR ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH SELF-DENIAL ARE FLESH AND BLOOD HUMANS AFTER ALL... TO TAKE AS LITTLE LIFE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO GO ON LIVING IS...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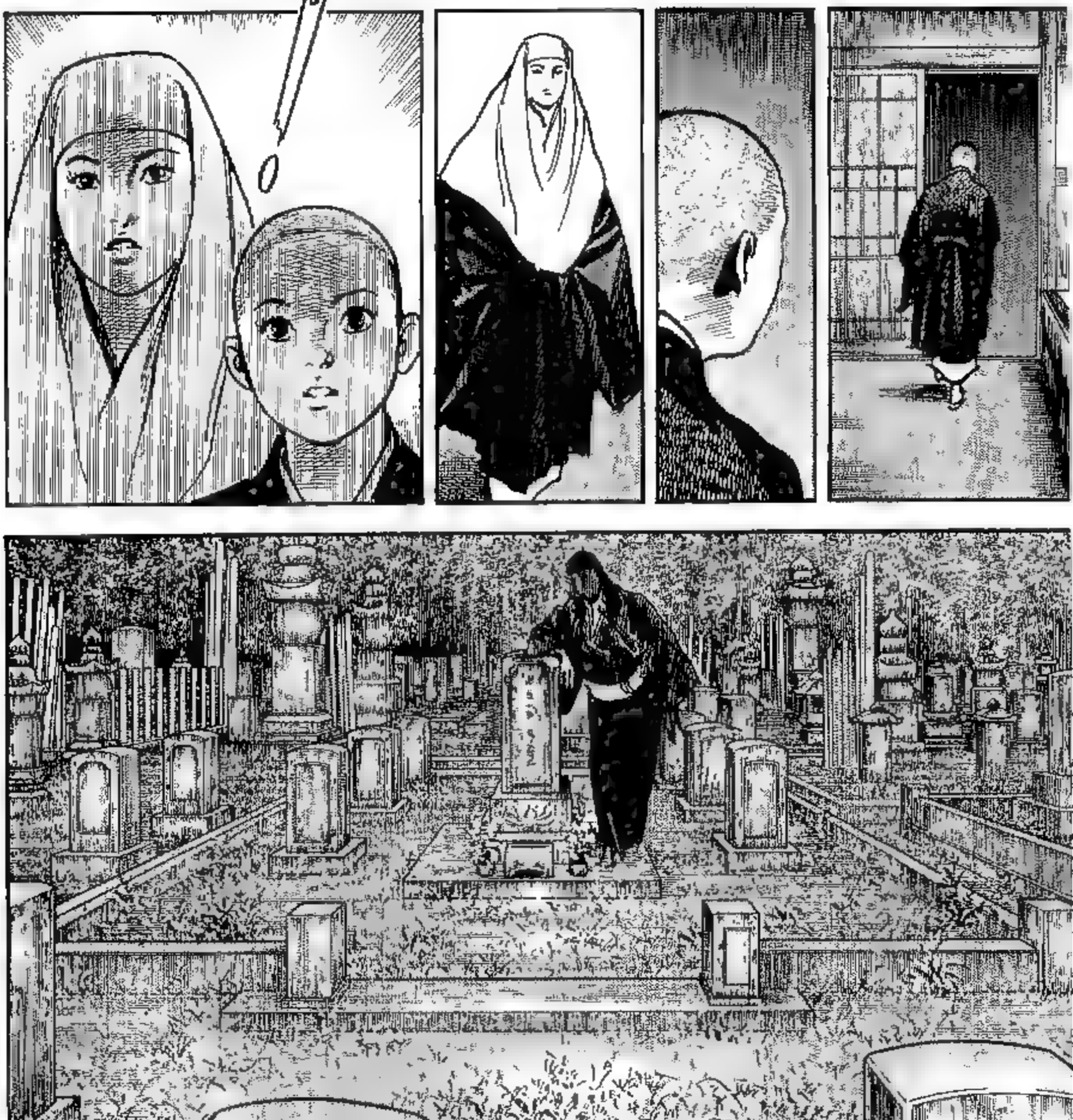
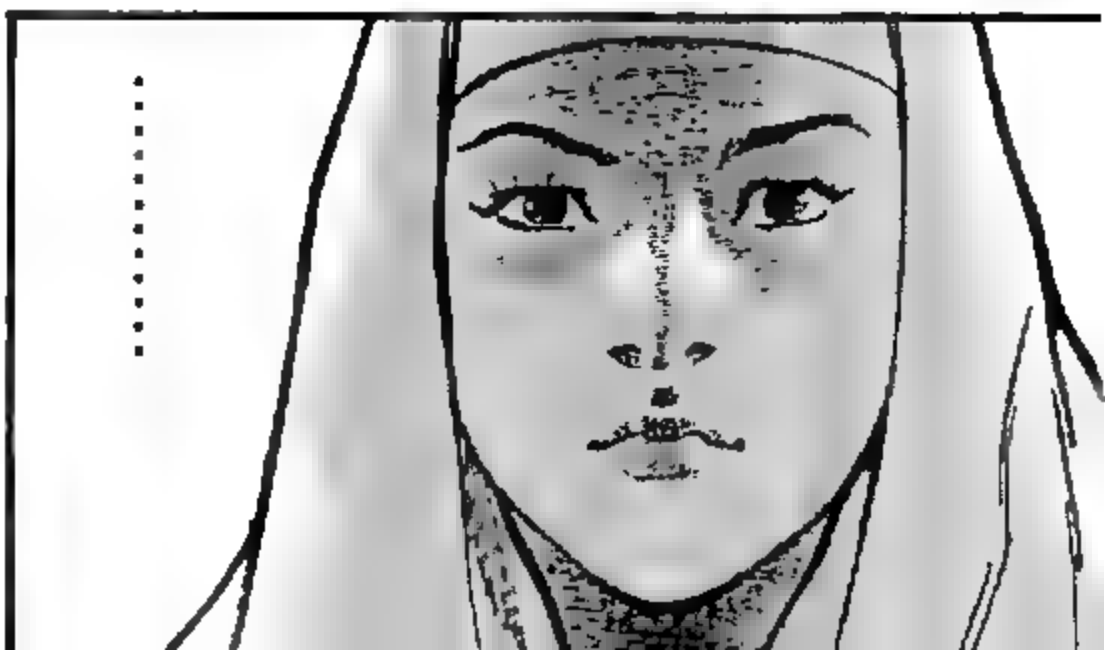
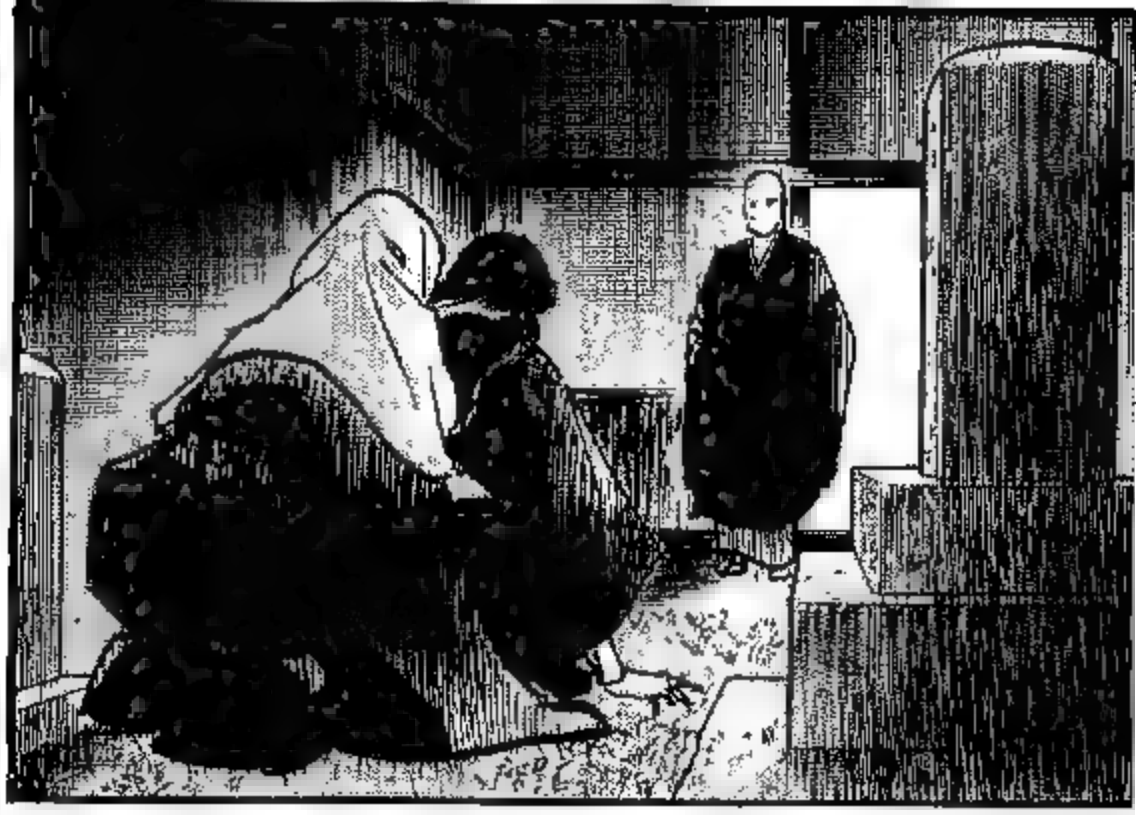




ENTRY IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN EXCEPT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL GENTLEMEN!

PLEASE, GO HOME. THIS IS A NUNNERY, HOME ONLY TO WOMEN WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR FAMILIES AND CAST ASIDE WORLDLY DESIRES...

LADY SHI-JAKU...



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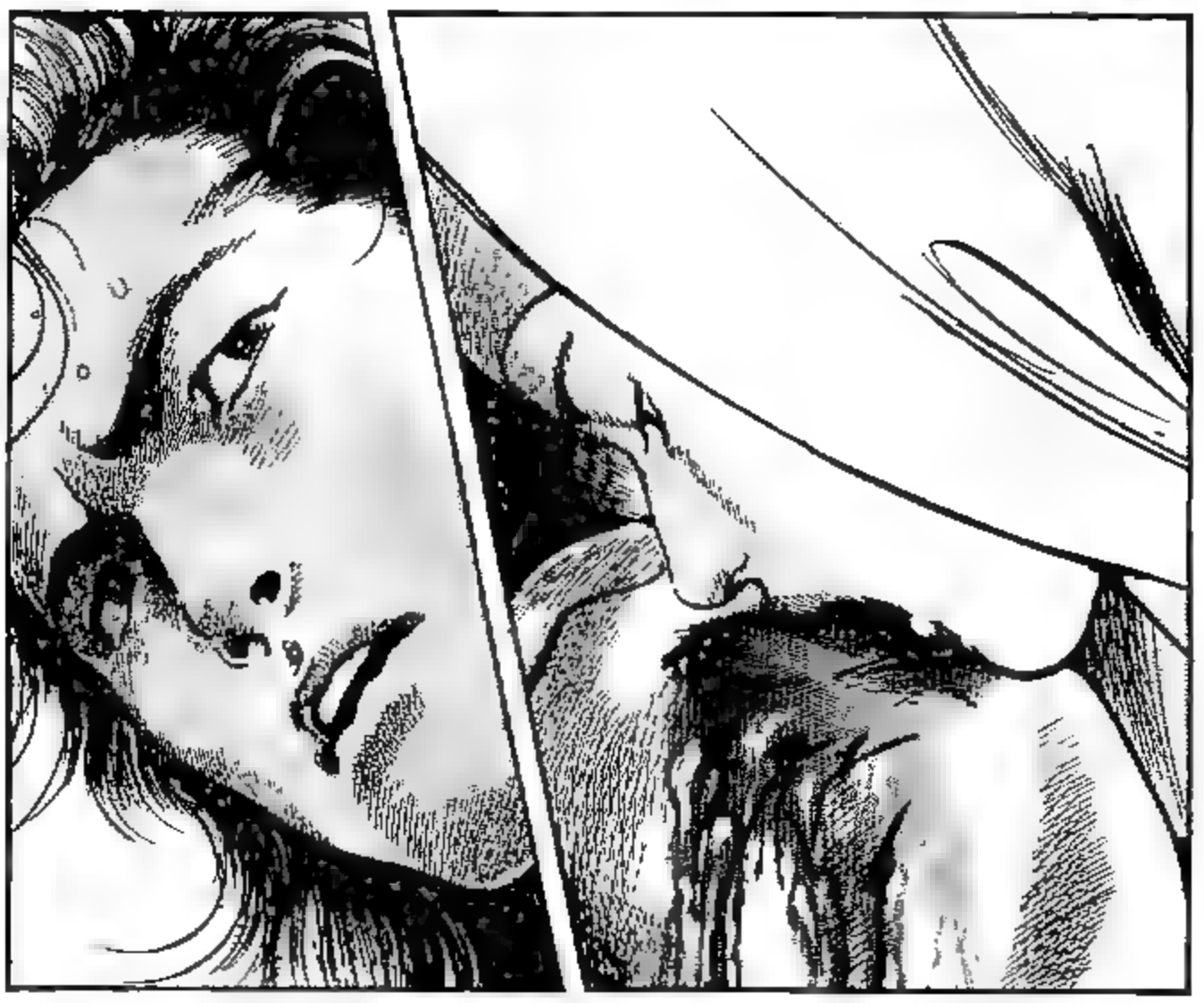

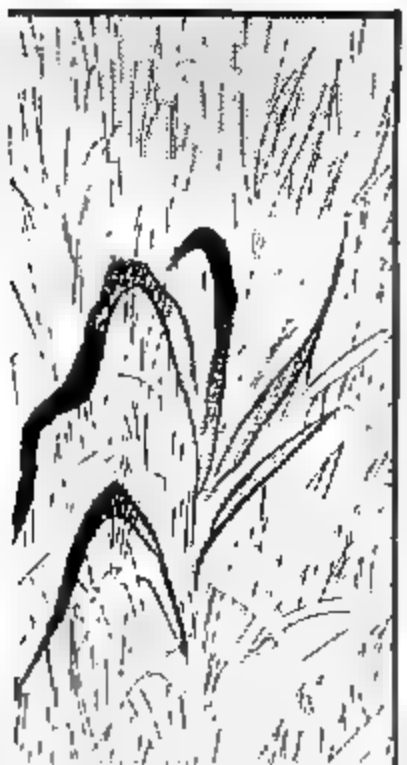

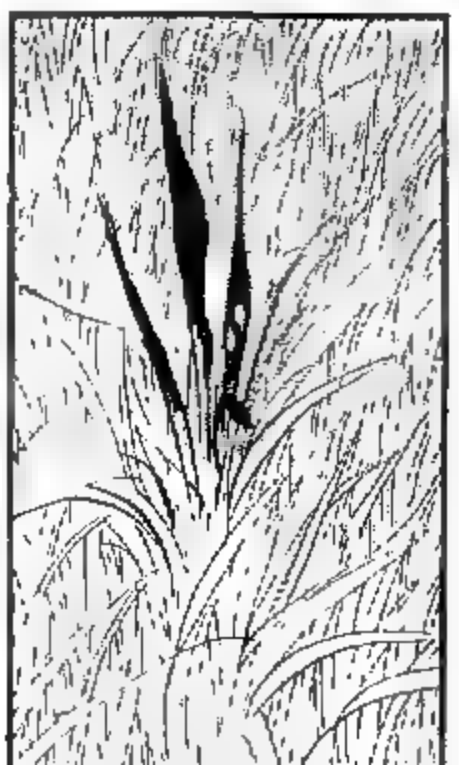

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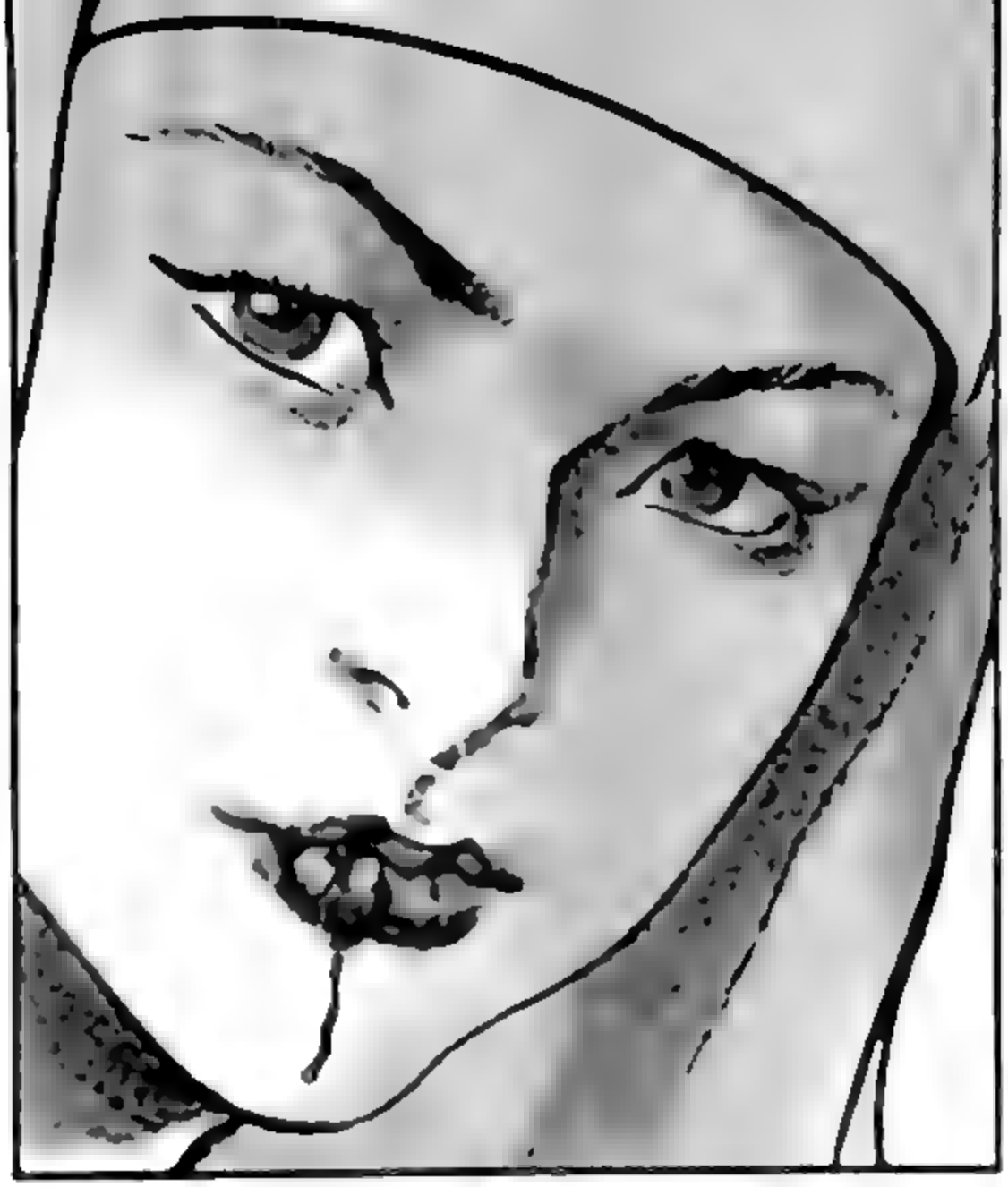

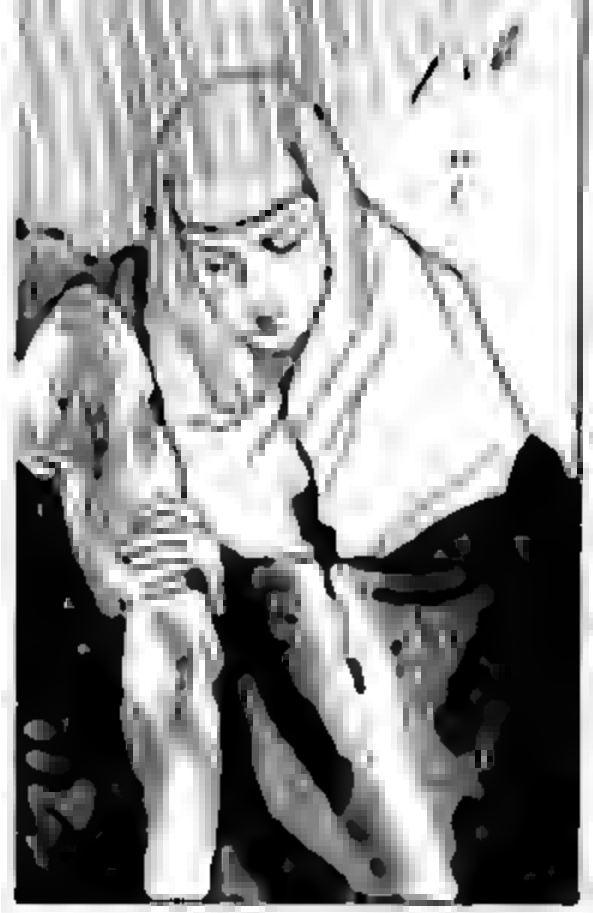

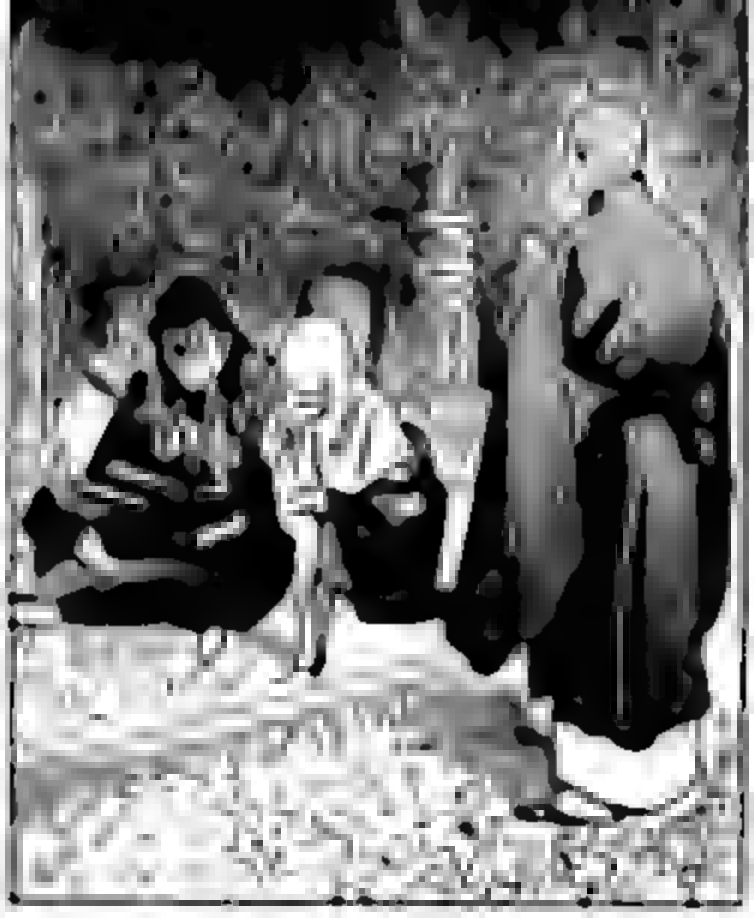

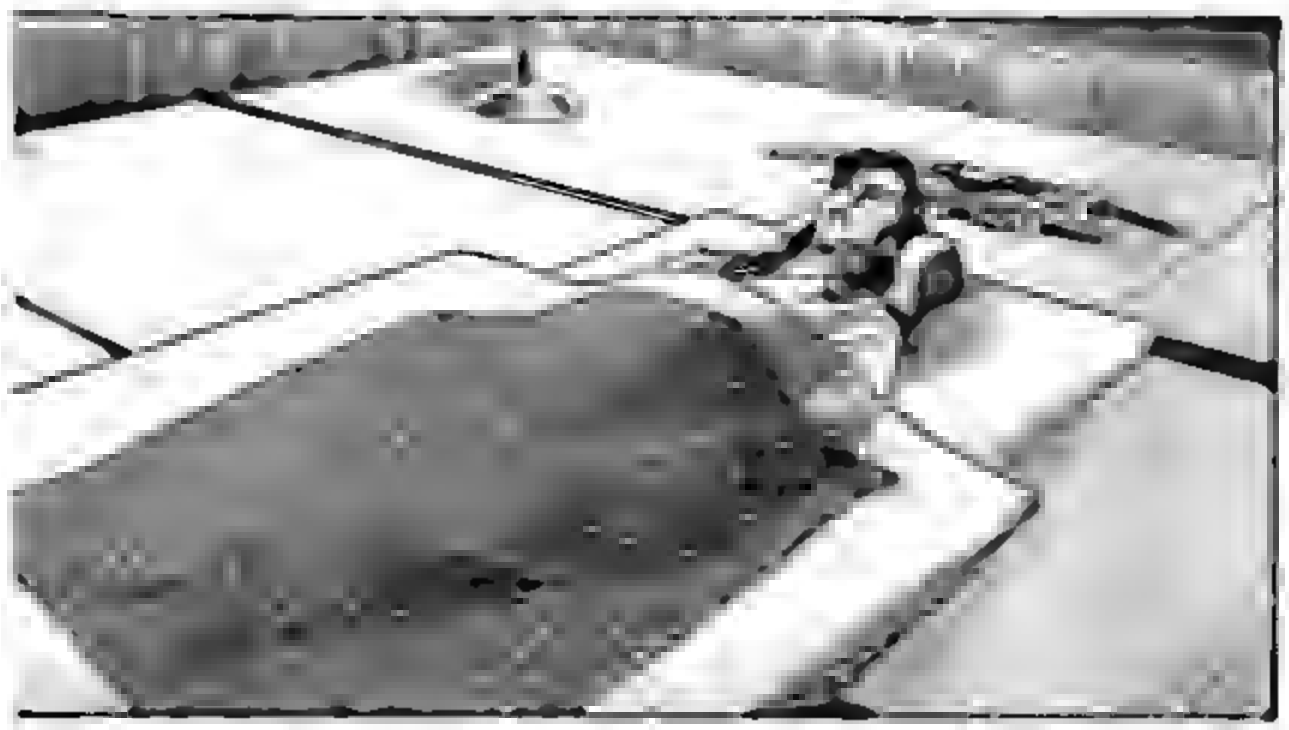

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WOUNDED OR NOT, TO TAKE IN A SAMURAI OF UNKNOWN LINEAGE IN THESE TIMES OF UNREST IS...

... LADY SHIJAKU... IS THIS REALLY ALRIGHT? ...

HE'S SOME-HOW...

... BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN... A GENTLEMAN SO BEAUTIFUL HE MAKES ME SHIVER...

.....

I WILL TAKE CHARGE OF NURSING THIS MAN UNTIL HIS WOUNDS HEAL!

...TAMAE, YOU MUST NOT GET CLOSE TO THAT MAN!

AS YOU SAID, HE MAY BE DANGEROUS. YOUR PARENTS ENTRUSTED YOU TO MY CARE, SO IT IS MY RESPONSI-BILITY TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

СЬЁНН
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НУУАА ААННН!

AS I THOUGHT, THAT MAN IS ALSO...

I WAS BITTEN IN THE MOMENT IT TOOK ME TO BLINK...

... THE ONES WHO ATTACKED ME WERE... BEASTS...

SO THAT HE COULD CUT PEOPLE DOWN IN THE MOMENT THEY DID— LIKE A BEAST...

A LONG TIME AGO, I HEARD OF A TACTICIAN WHO TRAINED HIMSELF NOT TO BLINK...

YOU MUST HAVE ALREADY KNOWN OF THEIR EXIS-TENCE...

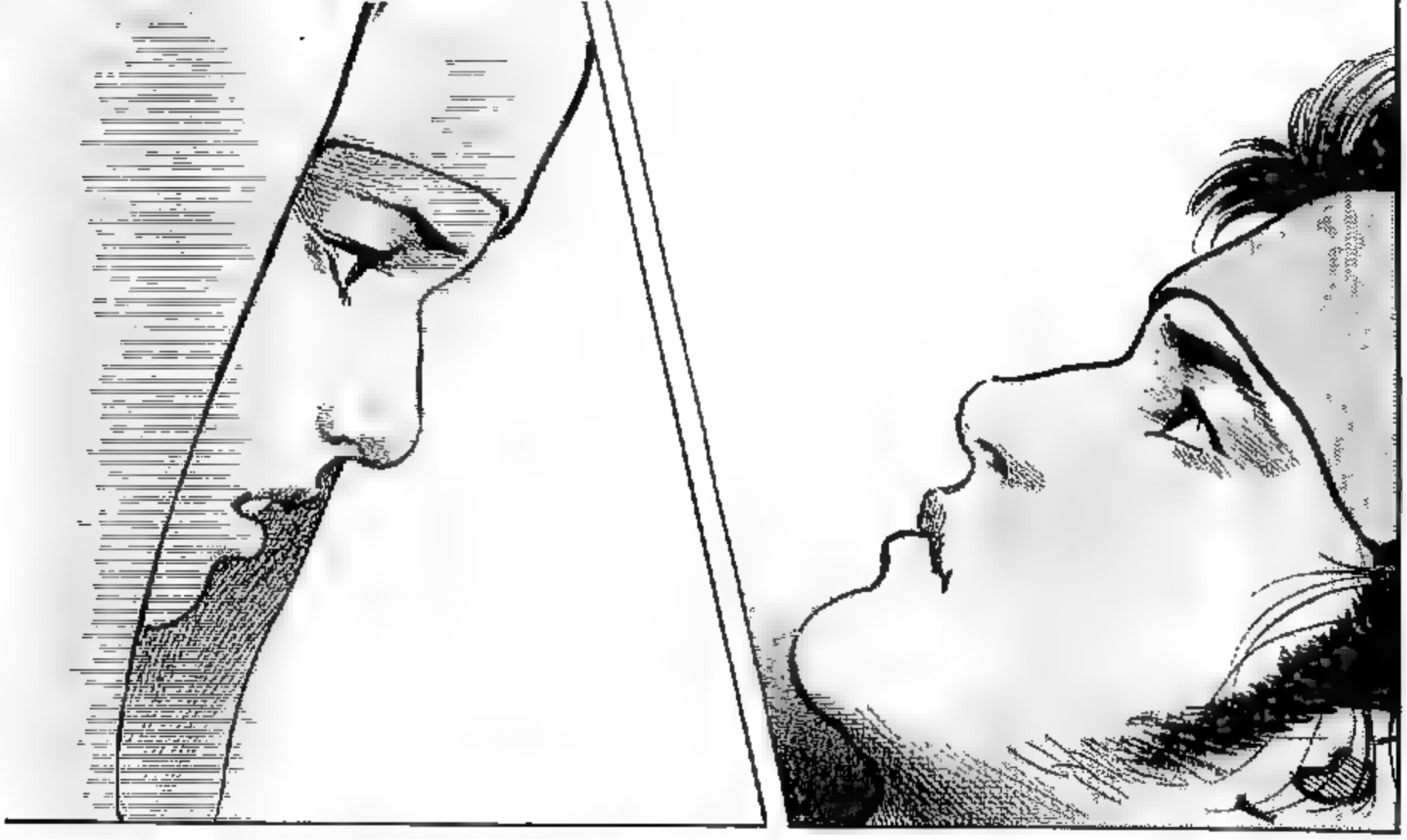
... AS I THOUGHT, YOU FOUGHT THE BEAST-MEN—

AN ORDINARY HUMAN WOULD HAVE DIED MOMENTS AFTER BEING BITTEN BY A BEAST-MAN'S POISON FANGS.

YOU ARE SAISHI— A SURVIVOR WHO ESCAPED FROM THE SHOGUNATE'S HUNTS...

AND YOU TASTED MY SAISHI BLOOD...

...FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'VE MET A WOMAN WHO WILL NOT DIE IN MY EMBRACE.



TSUKINO-SUKE'S WHERE-ABOUTS?
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YOU SHOULD BE ASKING LORD SASAKI, NOT ME. WHEN HE WENT OUT LAST NIGHT, HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEET LORD SASAKI TA-DAZABUROU...

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE. WE CANNOT DELAY EVEN A MOMENT LONGER.

IT'S UNFOR-TUNATE, BUT...

... THEN, WE CANNOT EXPECT AID FROM THIS *GEN TSUKI-NOSUKE*...

ACCORDING TO A SECRET INVESTI-GATION CONDUCTED BY THE AUTHORITIES, THE RONIN WILL BE GATHER-ING TOMORROW NIGHT AT A NUNNERY IN THE CAPITAL CALLED REISEN TEMPLE.

THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS HAS ORDERED THAT WE SHOW THEM NO MERCY.

THE PLAN TO ASSAULT FOREIGN SETTLE-MENTS BY THE ANTI-FOREIGNER RONIN MUST BE STOPPED AT ALL COSTS.

IT WAS ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT I AM IN YOUR DEBT.

I WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE FAMILY AND BECOME A NUN AGAINST MY WILL...

WHEN I REACHED MARRIAGEABLE AGE, MY PLAYING AROUND WITH MEN GOT SO BAD THAT MY PARENTS COULDN'T OVER-LOOK IT AND SENT ME TO THIS NUNNERY.

I WAS BORN THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF A WELL-ESTABLISHED DRY GOODS WHOLESALER, AND ALLOWED TO GROW UP ENTIRELY AS I PLEASED...

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TAMAE.

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BECAUSE I... I HAVE COME TO LOVE YOUR KINDNESS, LADY SHIJAKU!

Gu...

IN SPITE OF THAT, I'VE ENDURED TRAINING HERE FOR HALF A YEAR WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY...

... BUT...

NO... YOU'RE WRONG! ...

THE WAY YOU LOOKED LAST NIGHT, WHEN YOU WERE NURSING THAT SAMURAI...

I COULDN'T HEAR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT... SOMETHING ABOUT IT SEEMED STRANGE...

BUT... EVEN YOU, LADY SHIJAKU...

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MISS TAMAE, WAS IT...? THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT; I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STEALING LADY SHIJAKU FROM YOU.

THANKS TO YOUR HELP, MY WOUNDS ARE HEALED AND I HAVE NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH. IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, I WILL NOW TAKE MY LEAVE.

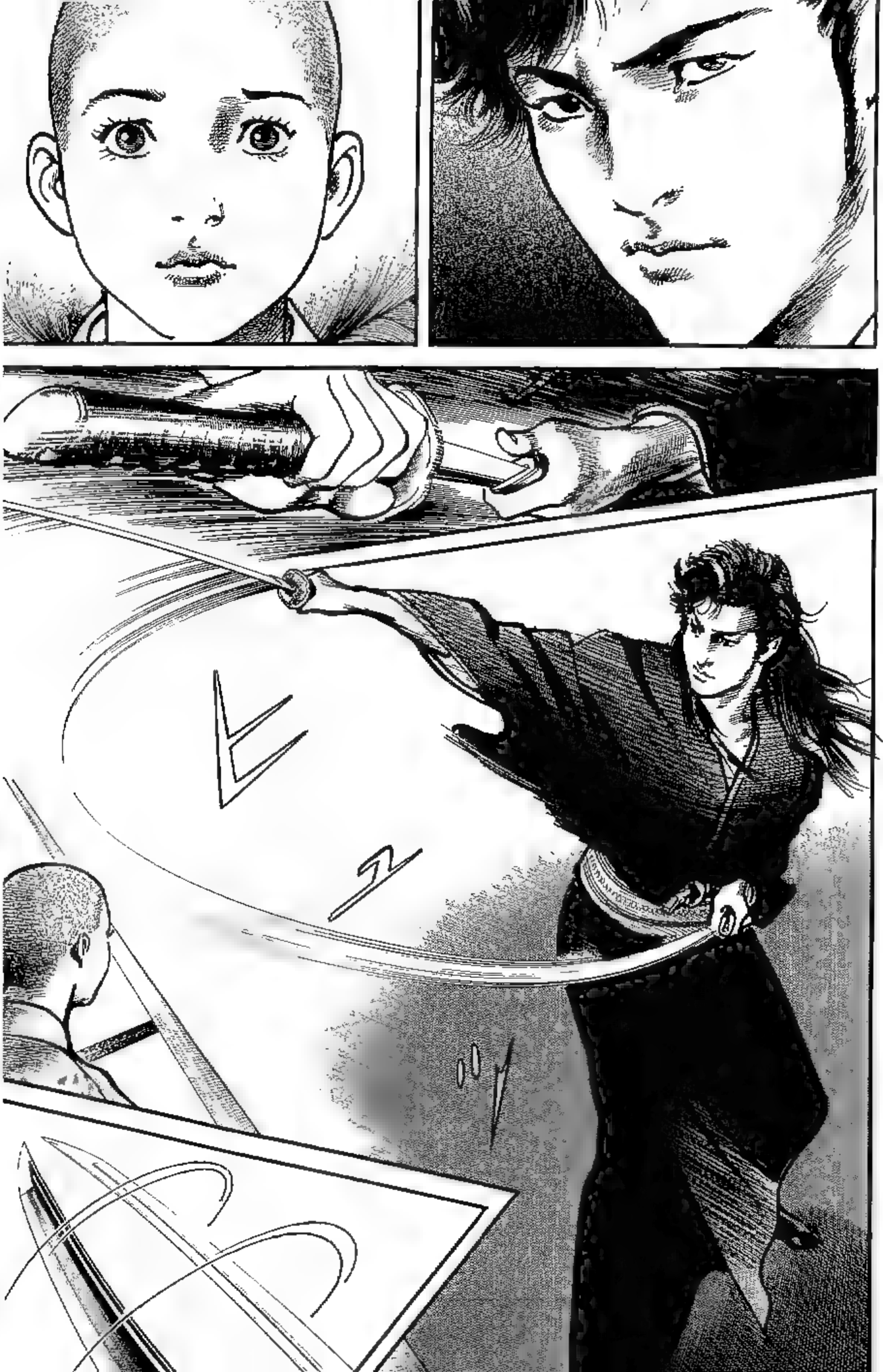
MY NAME IS GEN TSUKINOSUKE— I AM SURE I WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF REPAYING YOU ONE DAY.

VERY SOON, MONSTERS WILL FOLLOW THE SCENT OF MY BLOOD AND COME TO ATTACK ME AGAIN...

IF I REMAIN ANY LONGER, IT WILL ONLY BRING YOU TROUBLE.

I'M WORRIED... YOU'RE IN DANGER, AND...

... UMM ... BUT ...



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

TSUKIMO-SUKE!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A NUNNERY!?

YOU HAD ME WORRIED... MR. INUI HERE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU TOO. WE CAME HERE TOGETHER, BUT...

SO, INUI HANSHIROU, WHAT IS IT YOU WANT WITH ME? ...

BUT I'M TRULY GLAD YOU WERE SAVED BY A KIND NUN.

...POOR THING. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN AFRAID, TSUKINO-SUKE...

.....

ANTICIPATING YOUR ABILITY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACT AS A BODYGUARD...

THE CITY-WIDE PATROLS HAVE SNIFFED THEM OUT, AND WILL LIKELY MOUNT AN ASSAULT...

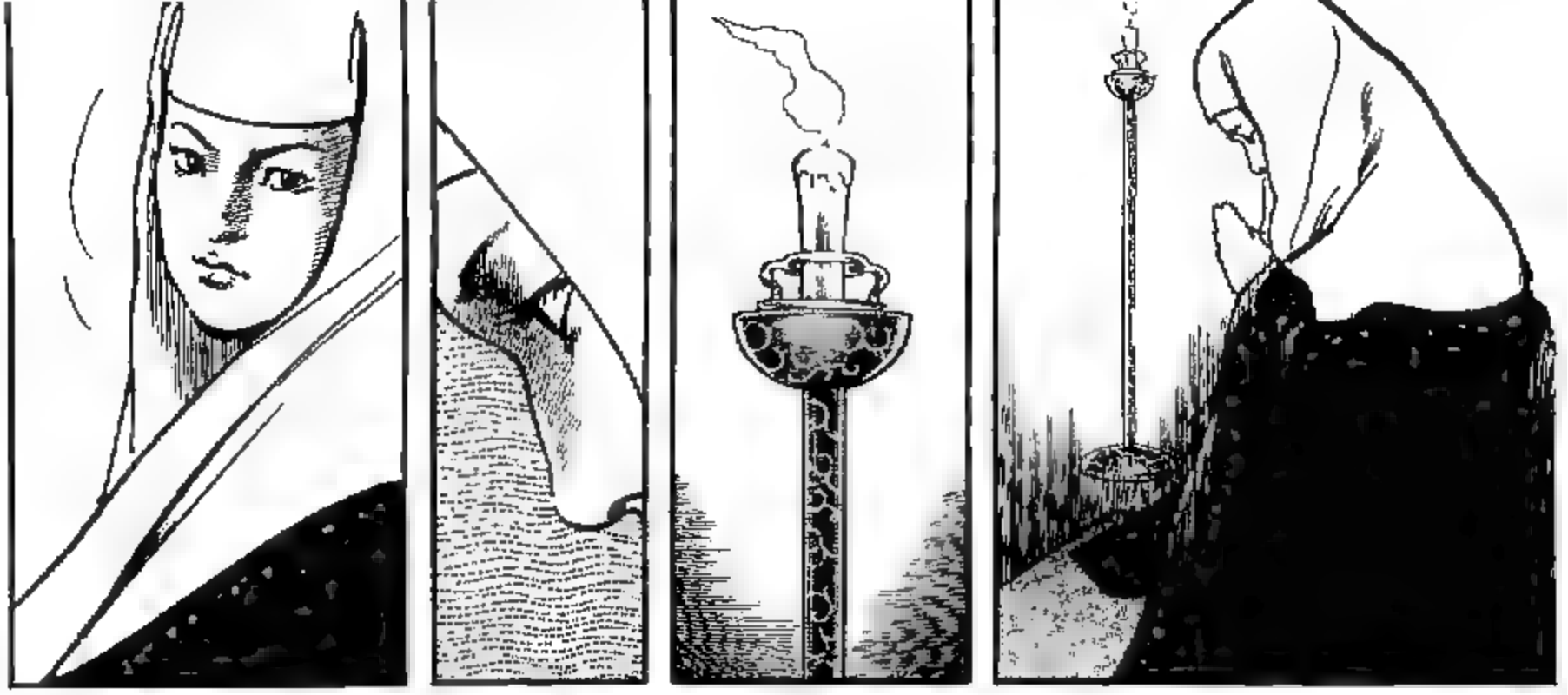
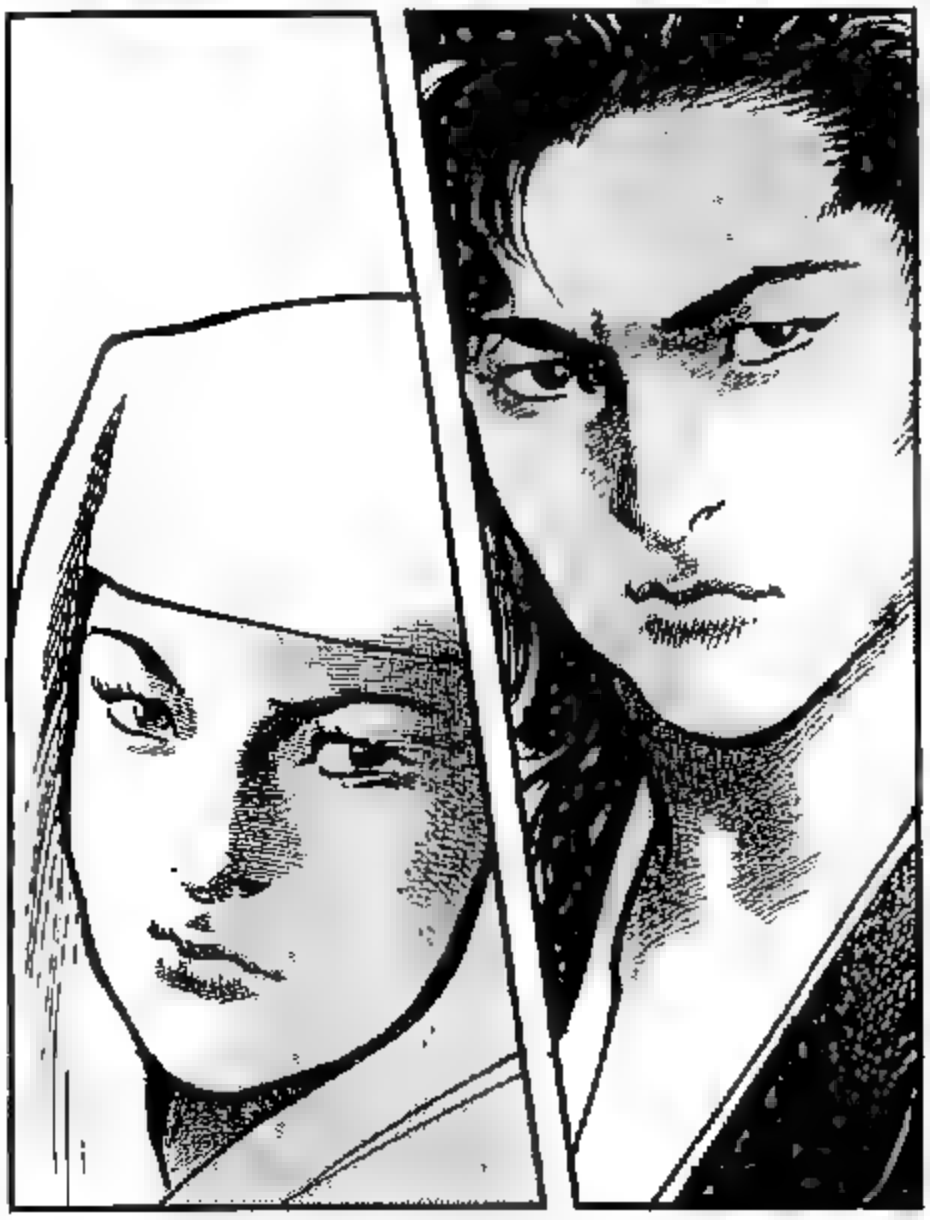
THOSE RONIN WHO SUPPORT THE EXPULSION OF FOREIGNERS WILL BE MEETING AT THIS NUNNERY TOMORROW NIGHT.

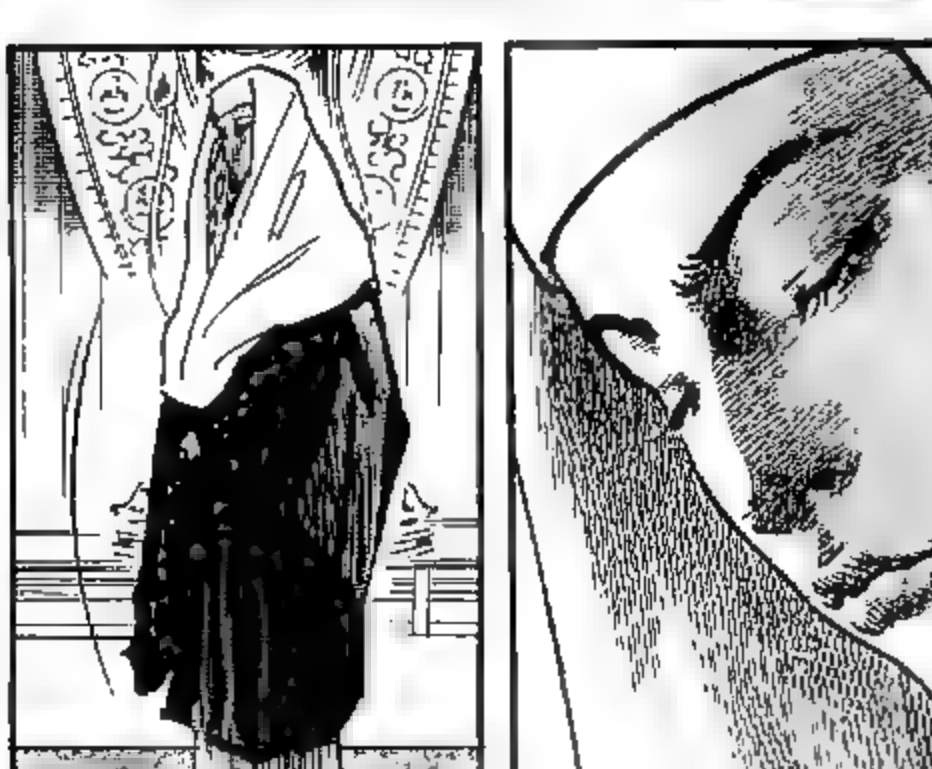
ALSO, LADY SHIJAKU IS MY ELDER SISTER.

I SUPPOSE IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT LADY SHIJAKU IS BEHAVING ODDLY...

... GEN... TSUKI-NOSUKE ...?

NO... YOU CAN'T DIE!!



...I HAD MADE UP MY MIND NEVER TO LOVE ANOTHER MAN AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND BECAME A NUN.

...WHO WOULD EVER BECOME A NUN BY CHOICE!?

Blessing【流月抄 完全版】

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The power at that time exterminated the legendary tribe, Sasha,
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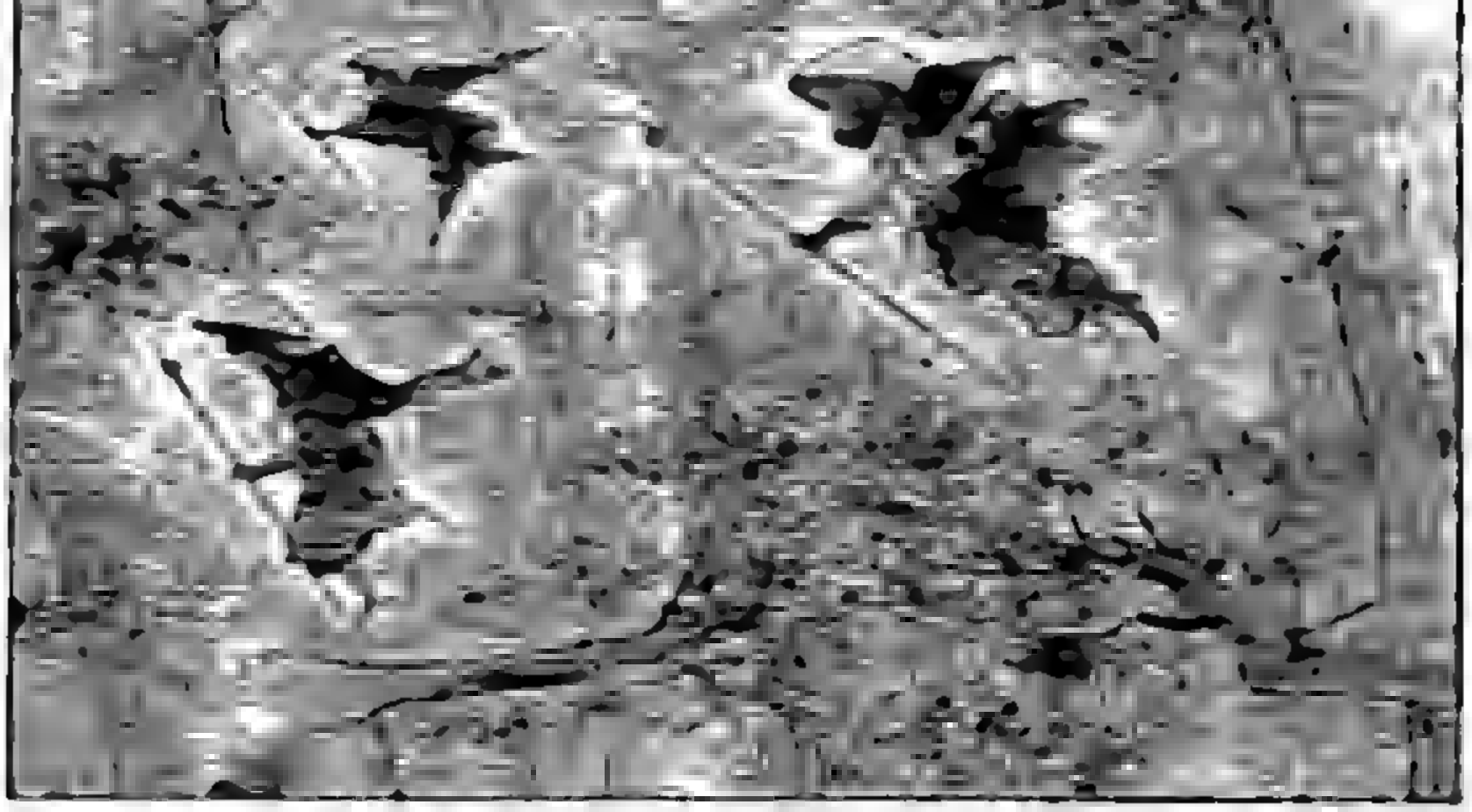
Chapter 8: Beast (Part 2)



I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT SIR TSUKINOSUKE WELCOMING THE RONIN...

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LADY SHIJAKU, MAY I GO OUTSIDE THE GATE FOR A BIT, TO SEE THE SITUATION?

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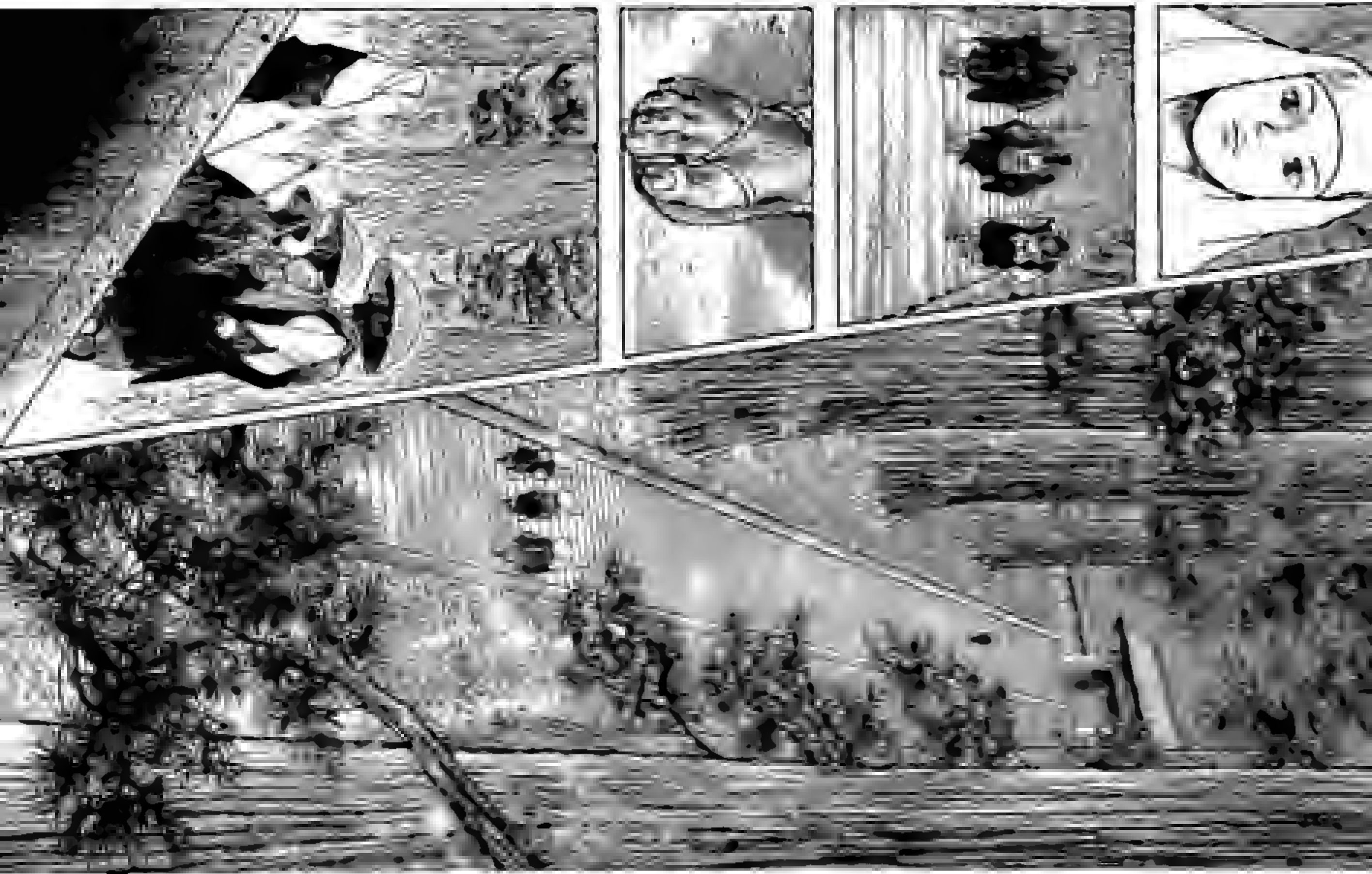

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EEK!!
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... AS I FEARED, IT APPEARS THAT THE CITY WATCH IS NOT OUR ONLY ENEMY...

THE DES-
TRUCTION
OF THE
FOREIGNERS'
RESIDENCES
IS POSSIBLE
AT ANY
TIME.

NOW WE
NEED ONLY TO
CONSIDER HOW TO
TRANSPORT IT TO
YOKOHAMA...

THESE POTS
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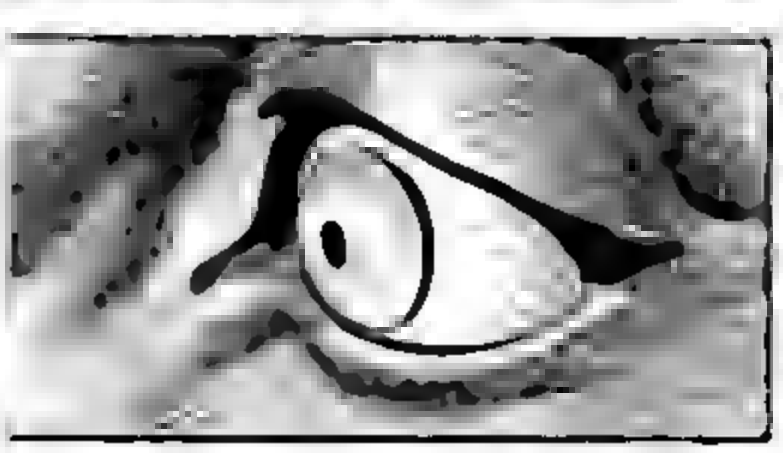
WERE GATHERED
FROM KISHUU.
THEY'RE ALREADY
CONCEALED
THROUGHOUT
THE TEMPLE.



What can I say in apology to Tamae's parents...?

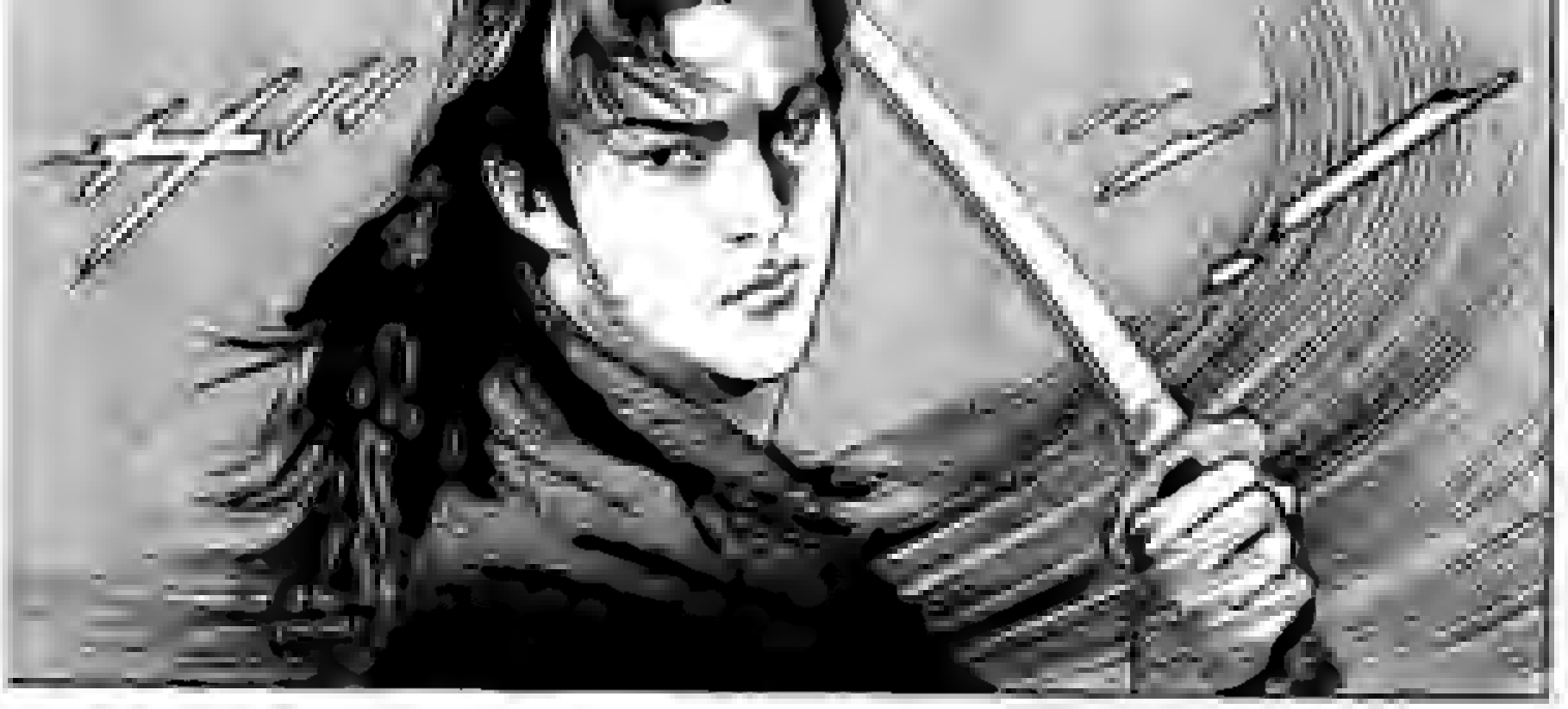
Those beast-men, who live only by their instincts— I can never forgive them!!

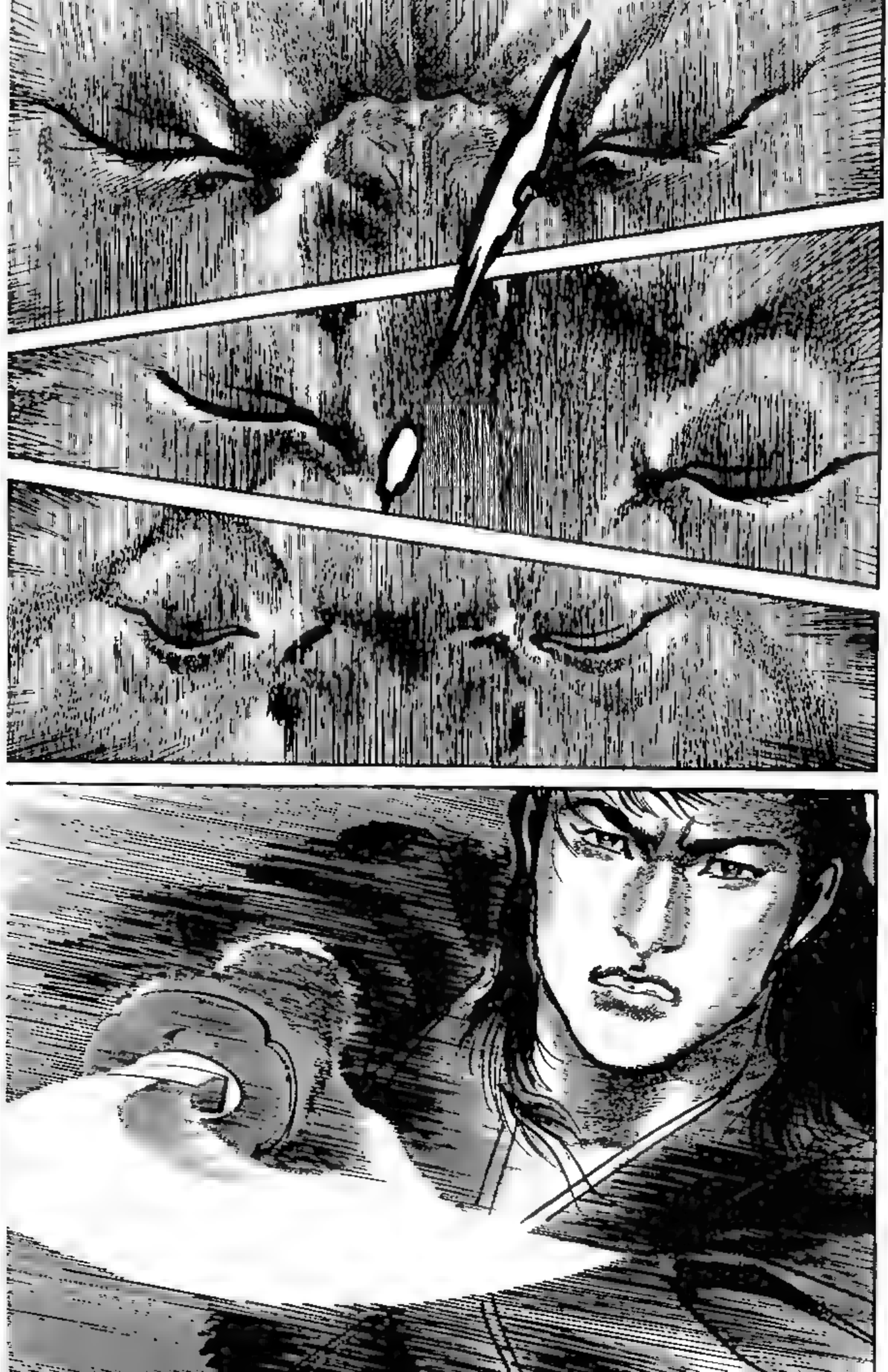
How cruel...! Such a sinful act...

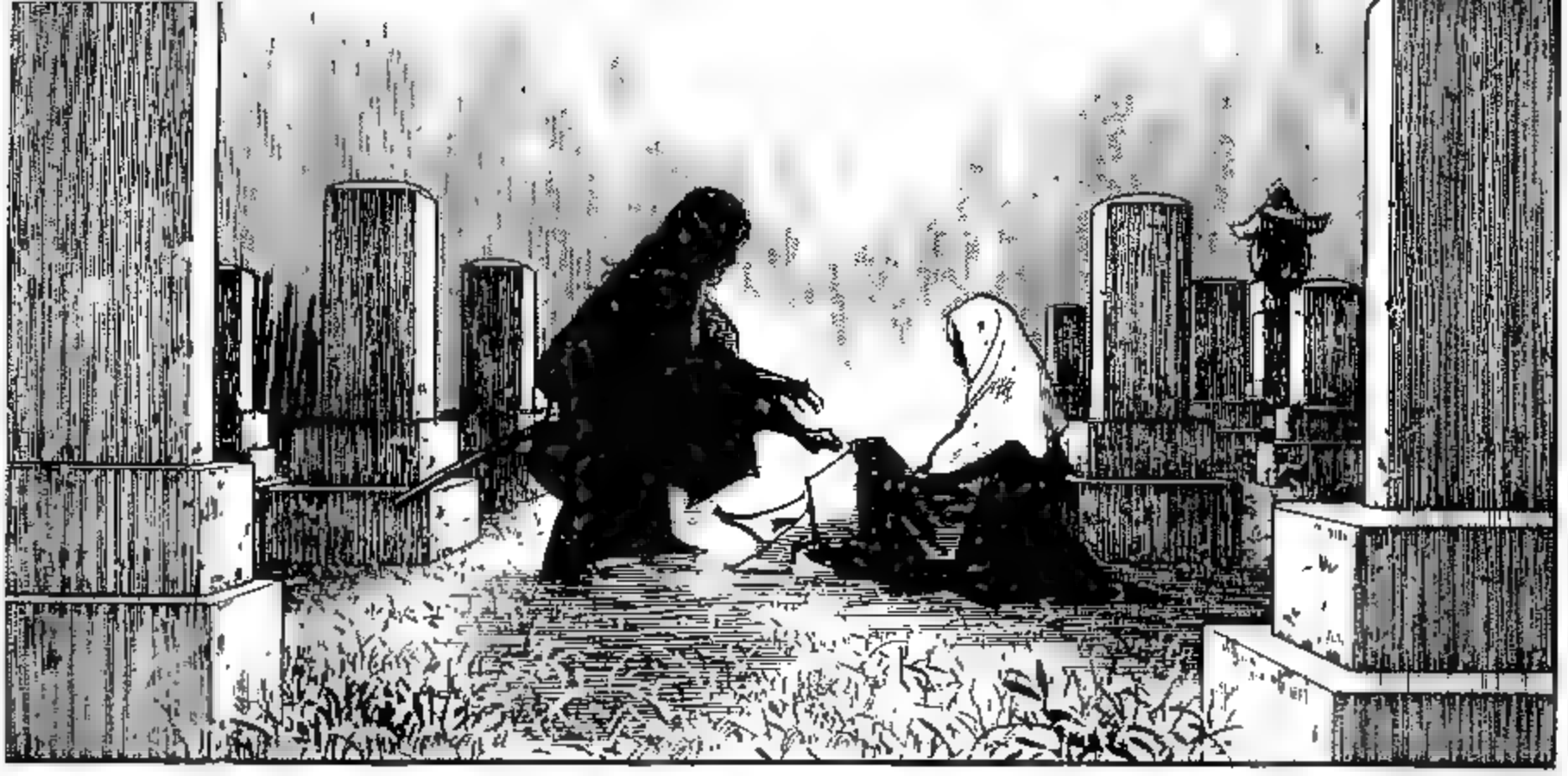
THERE IS NO CHANCE I WILL LOSE...

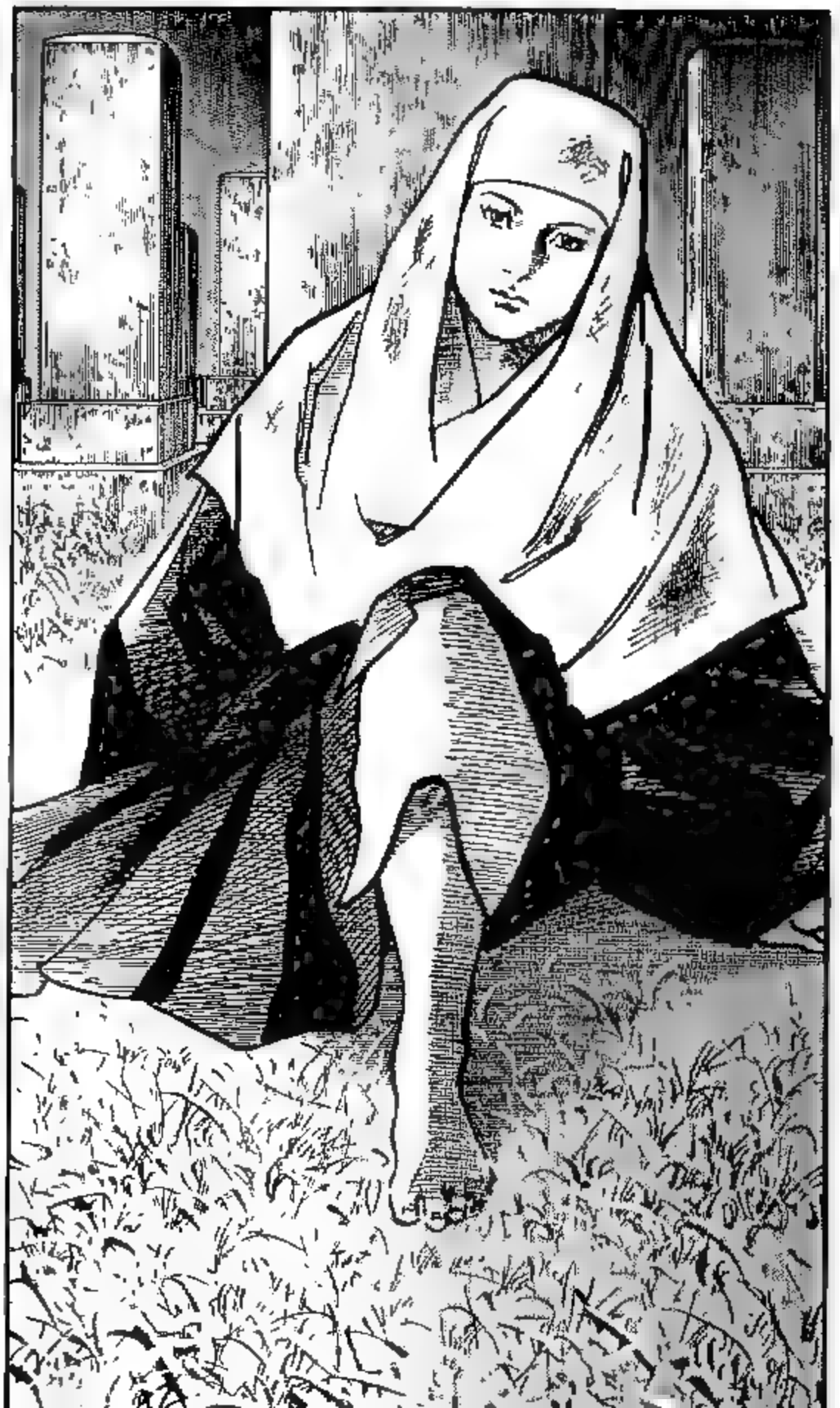
TO THOSE BEAST-MEN ...

RUN, NOW !!









I'M IN YOUR DEBT... THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE...

EMBRACE ME... JUST THE WAY WE ARE...

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IN THAT CASE... THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SAVE MY SOUL FOR ME...

A GRAVE-
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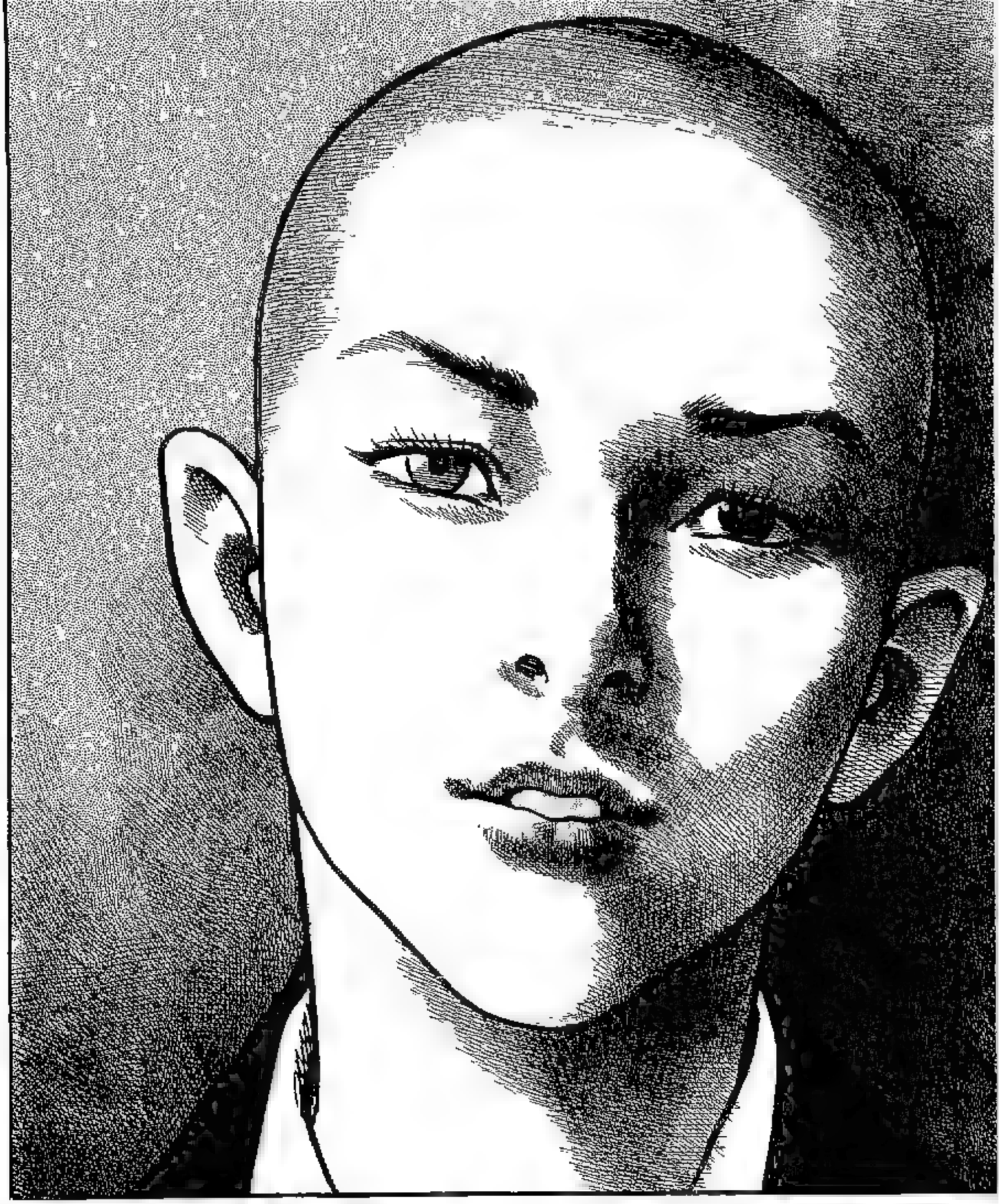
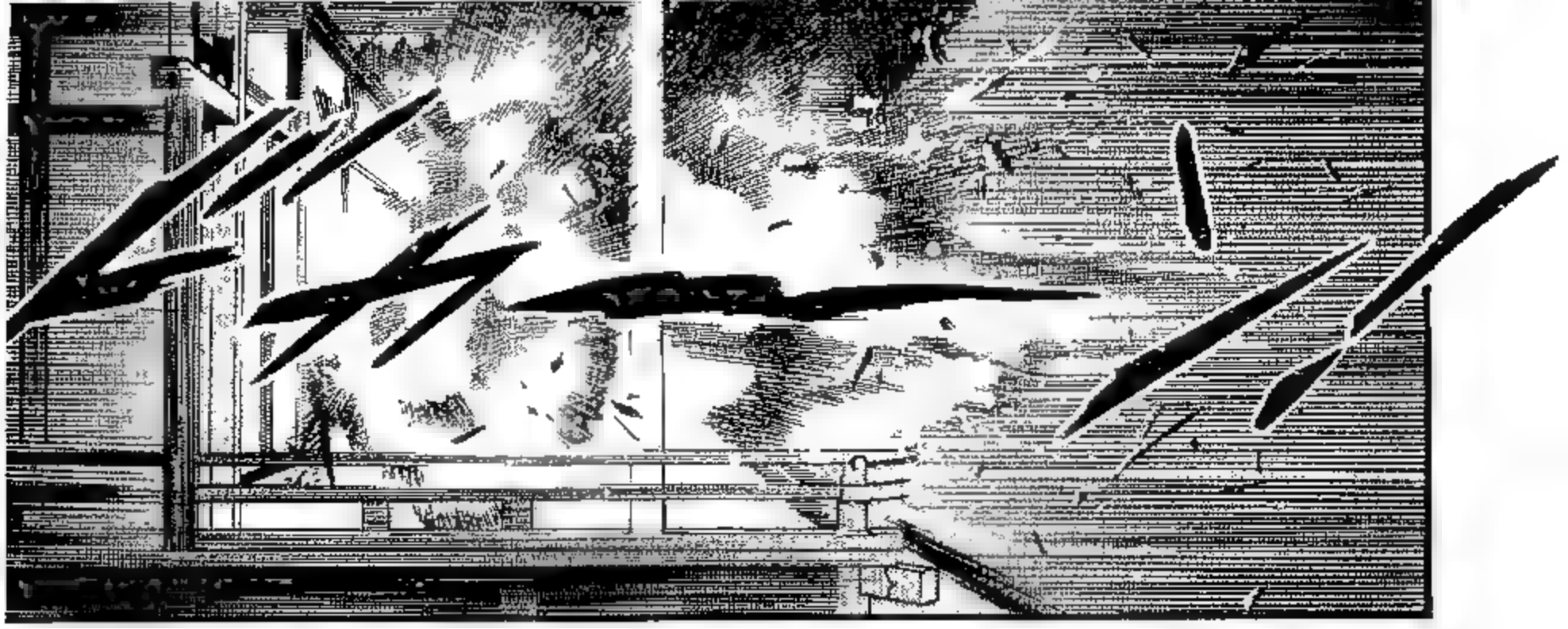
TWEEN
BEASTS...





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S- SOMEHOW, I FEEL LIKE... I'LL PAY FOR THIS...

... I HAVE ONE MORE REQUEST ...

...
THANK YOU...

PLEASE HELP MY YOUNGER BROTHER, INUI HAN-SHIROU...

...LADY SHIJAKU !!

... I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE GOVERN-MENT NOR AM I ALLIED TO EITHER SIDE...

I MERELY CUT DOWN THOSE WHO CAME TO ATTACK ME...

... GEN... TSUKINO-SUKE...!?

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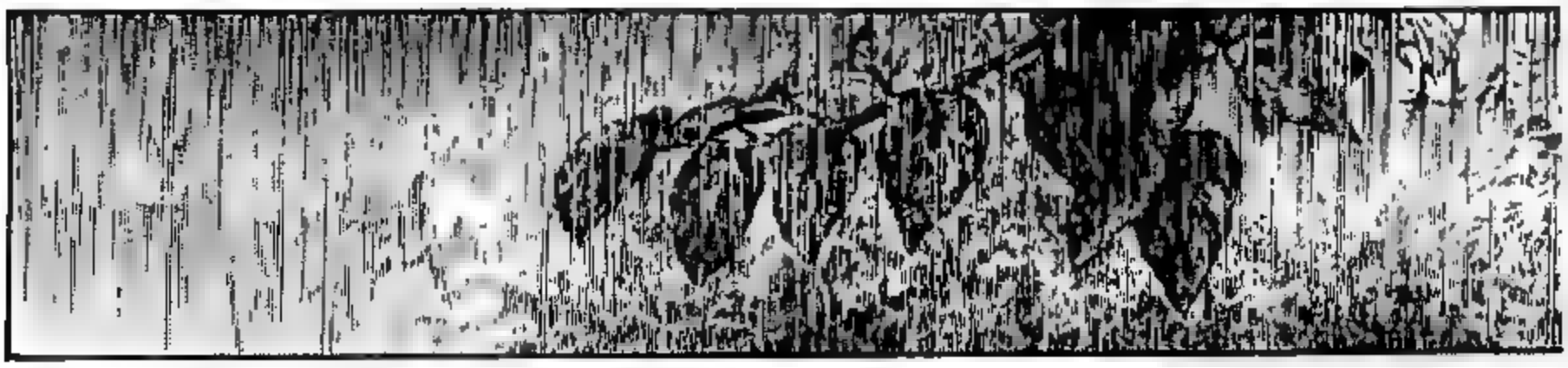

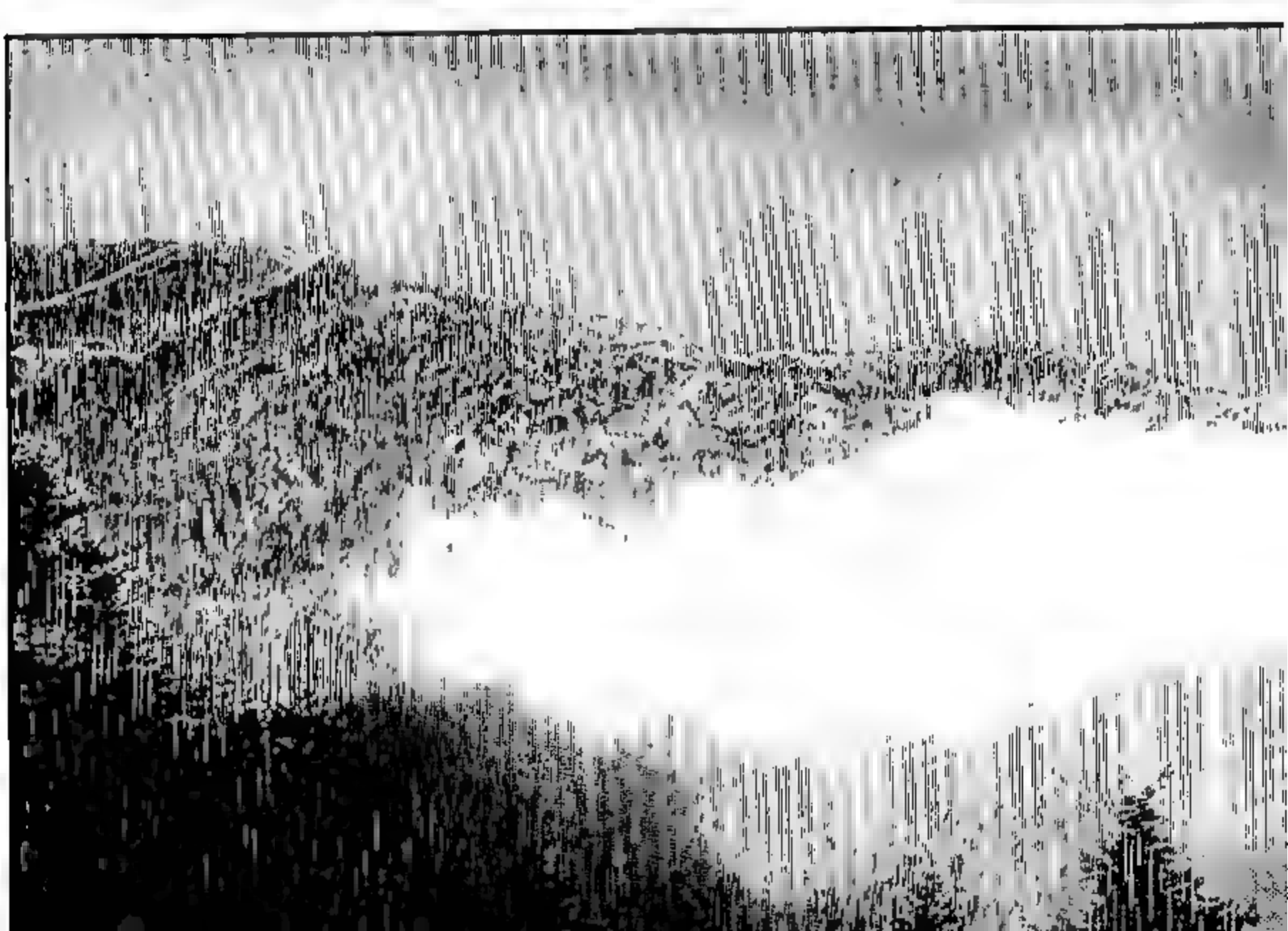

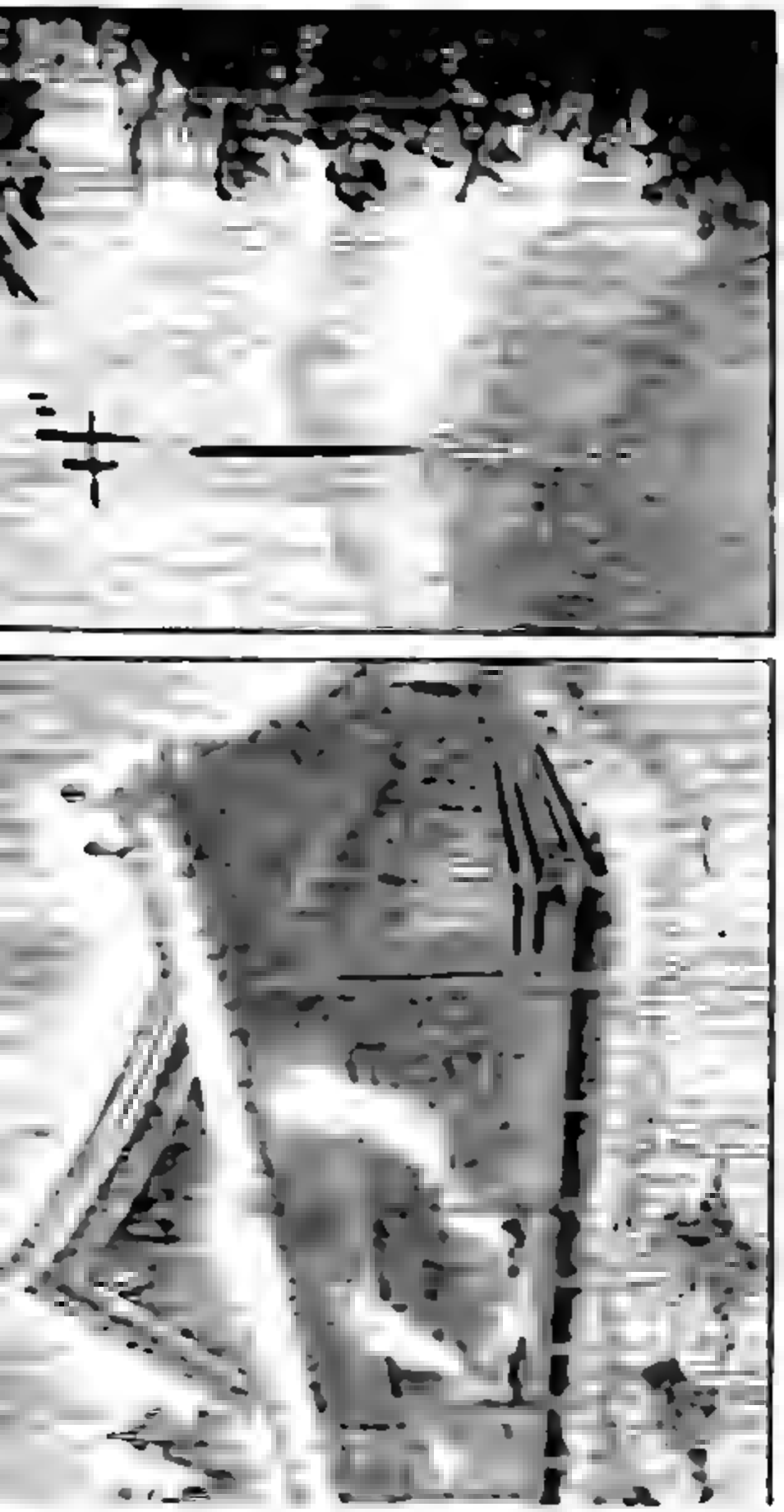

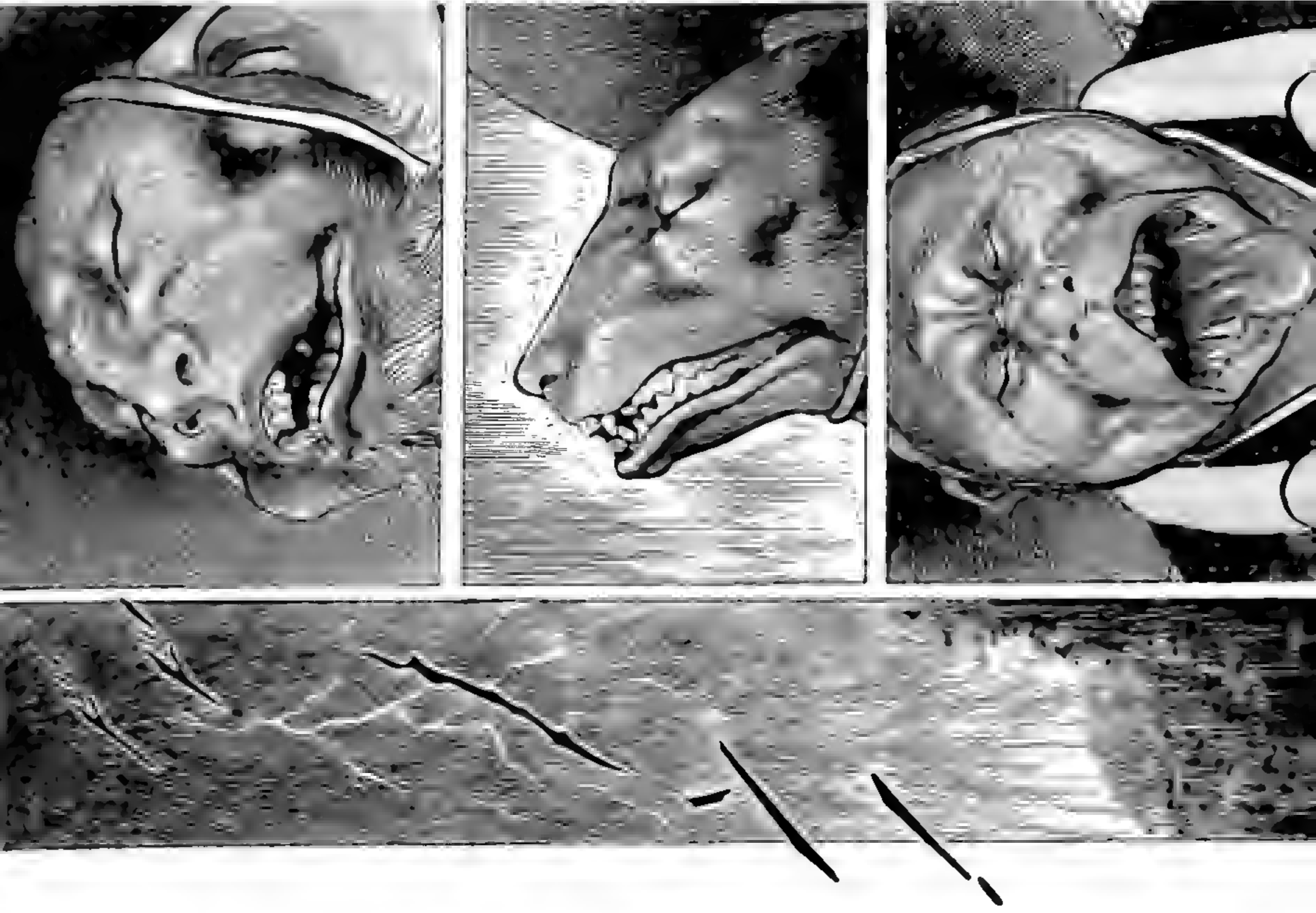

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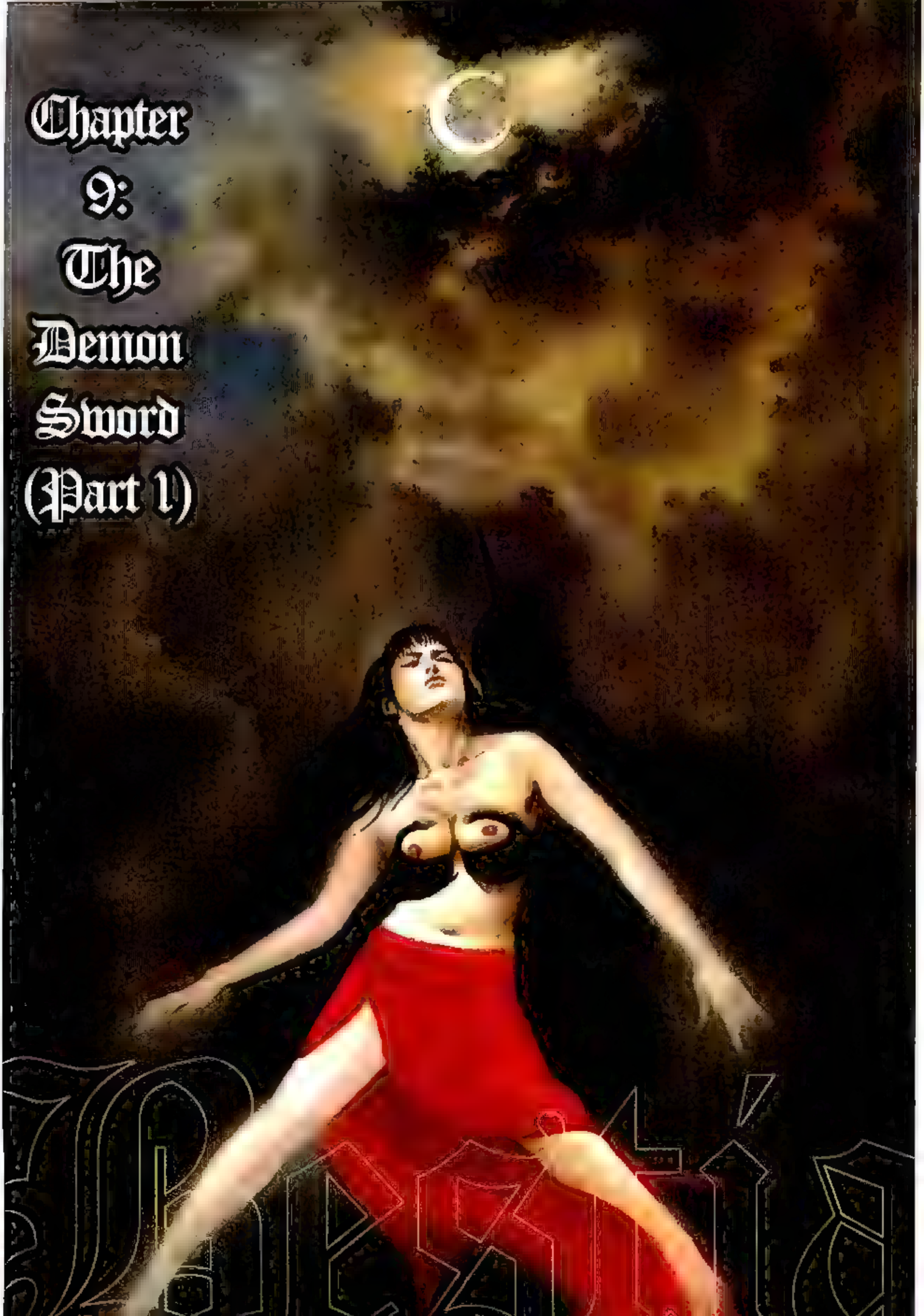

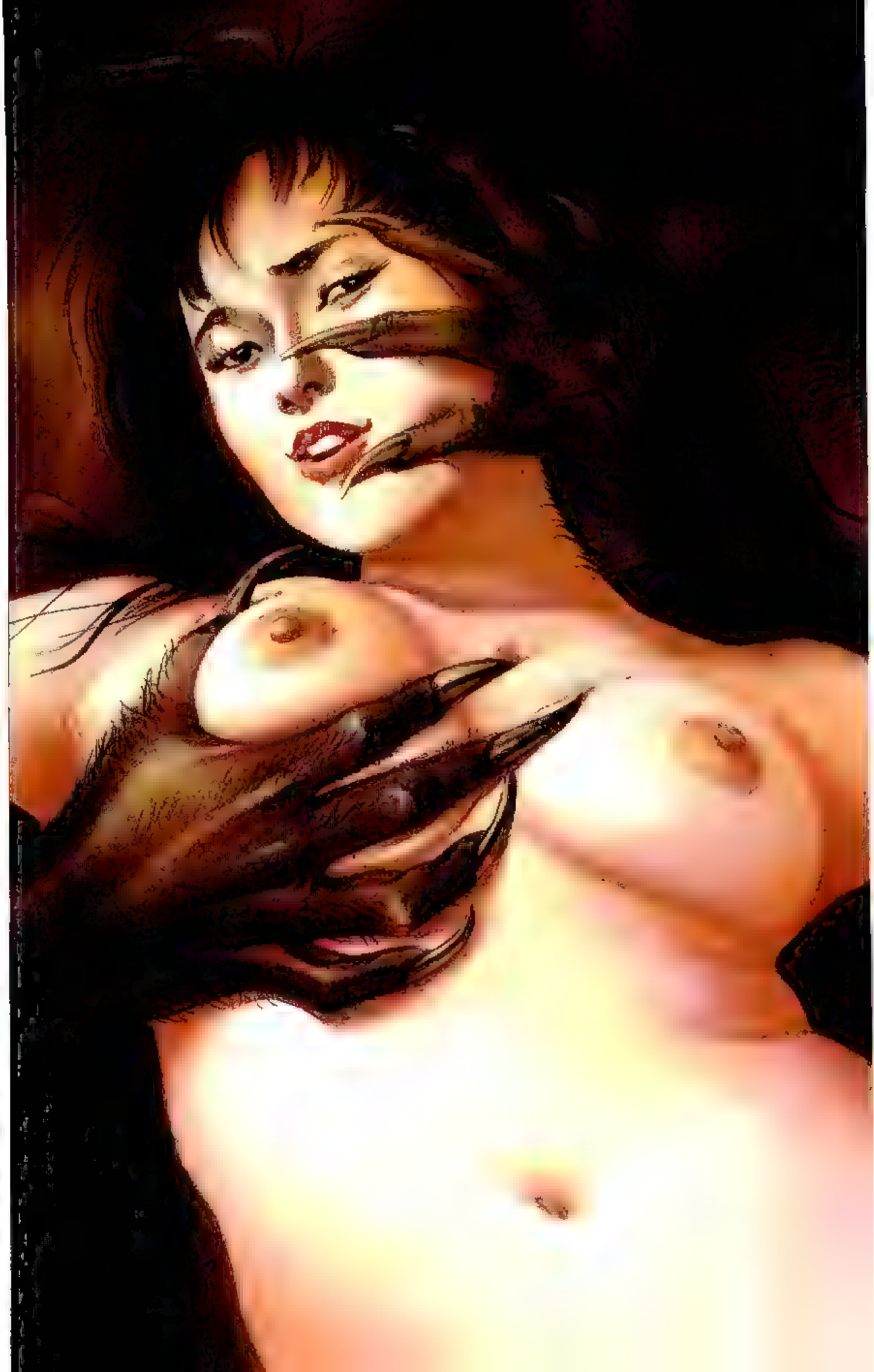

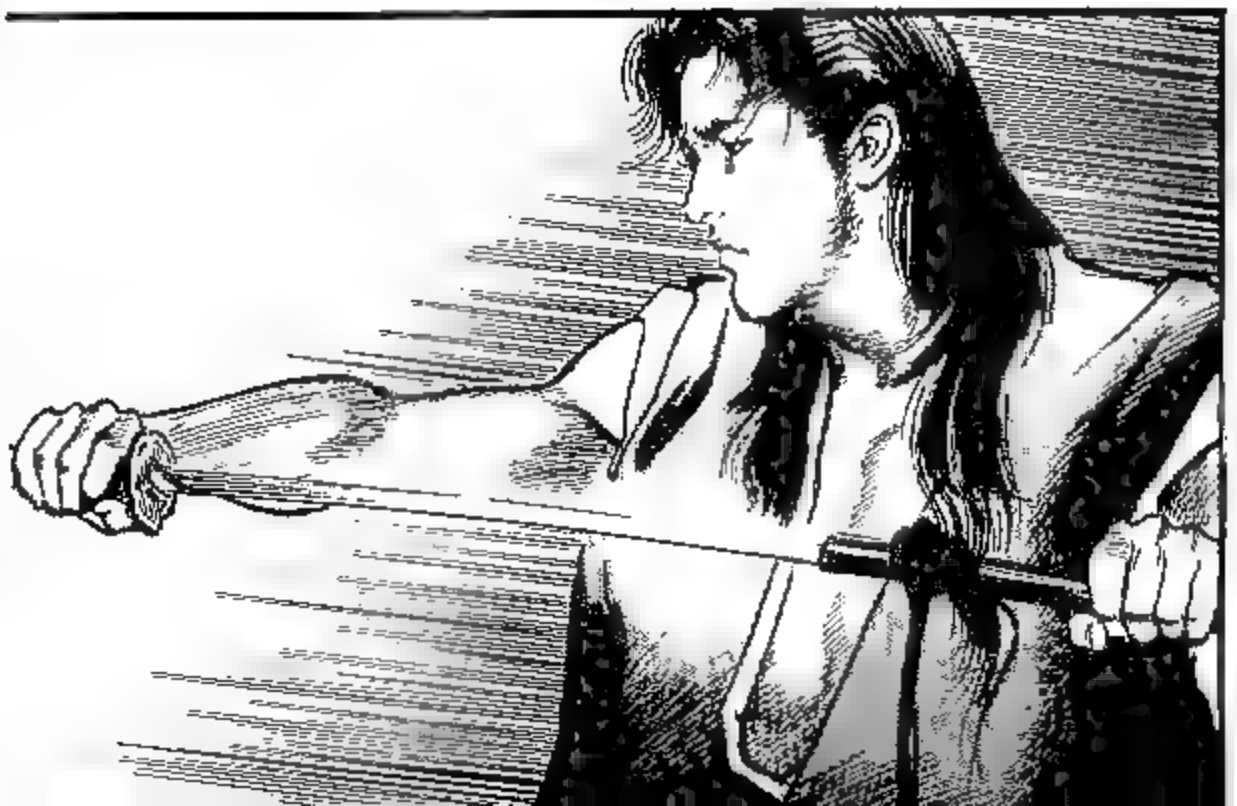

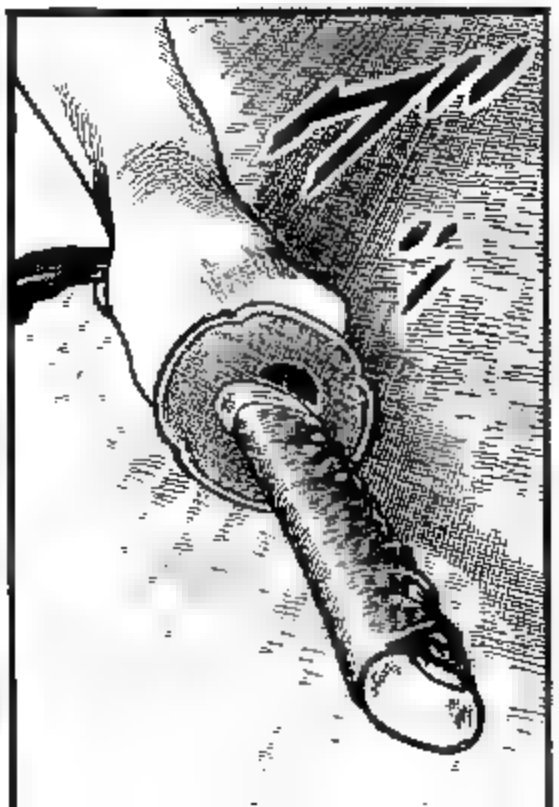

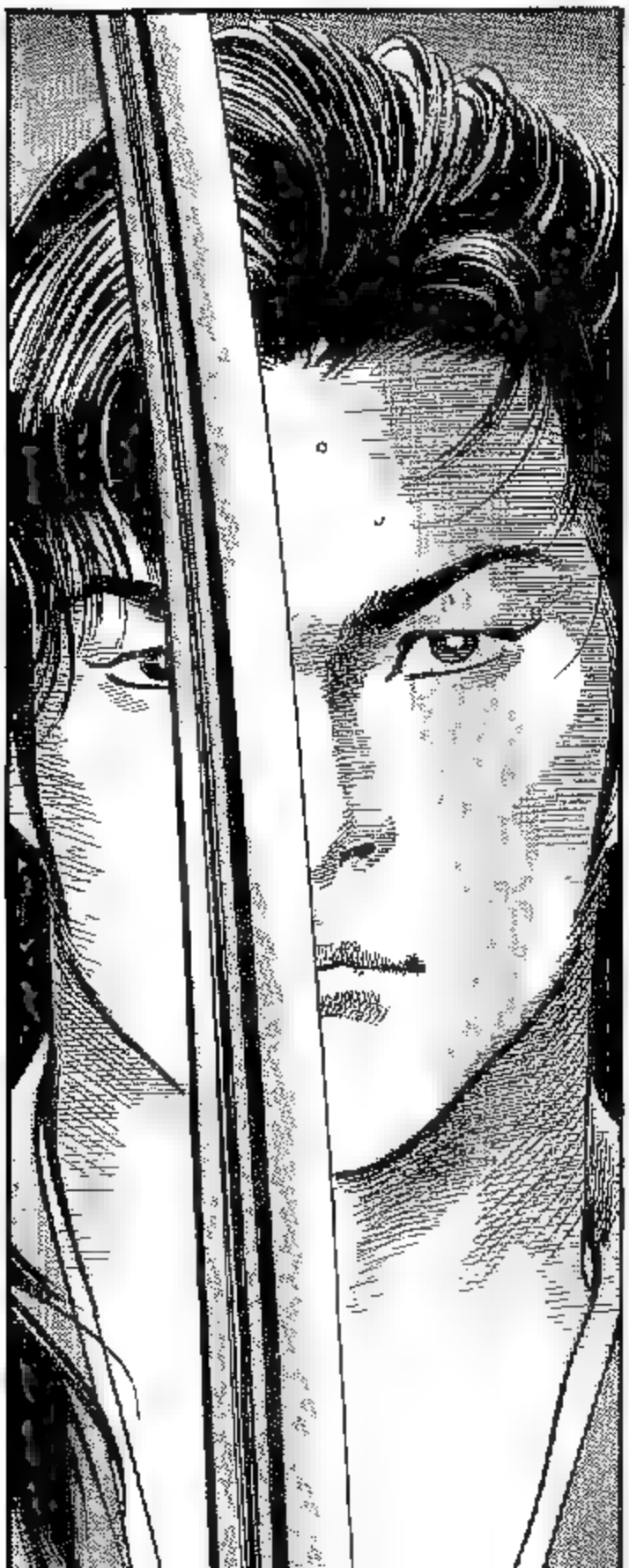

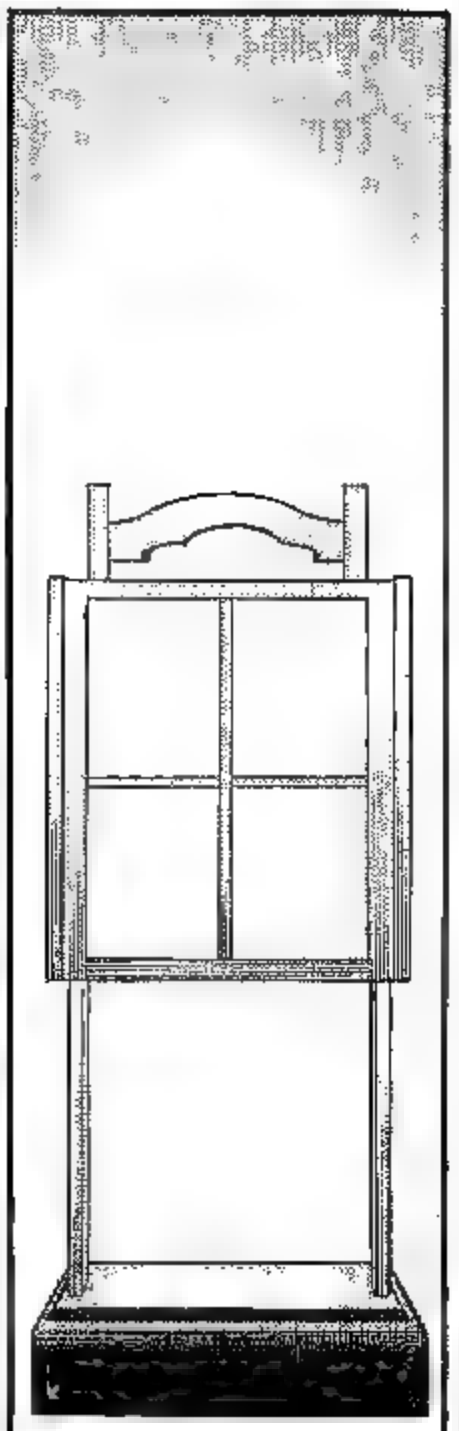

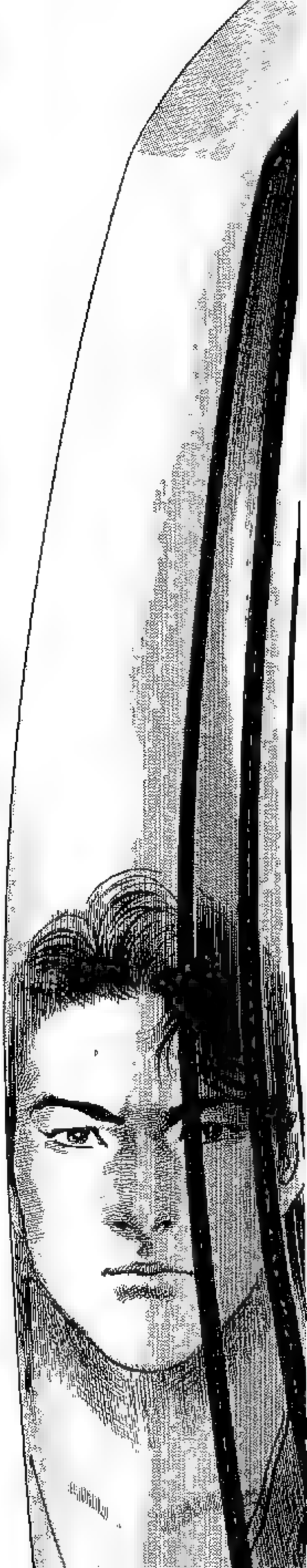

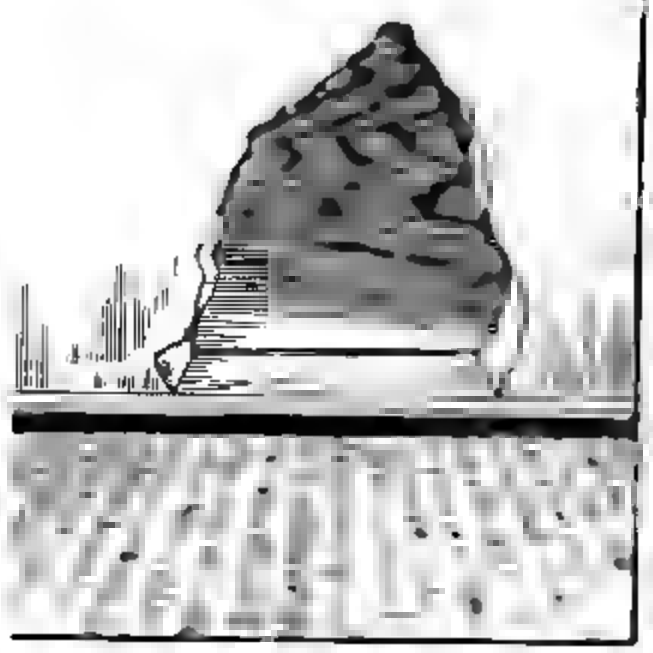

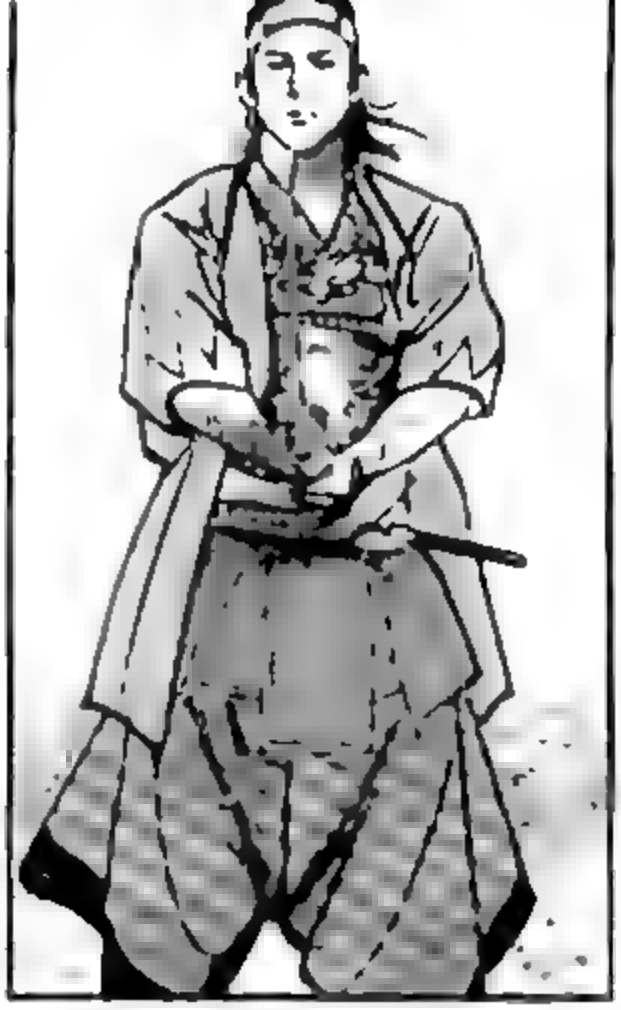

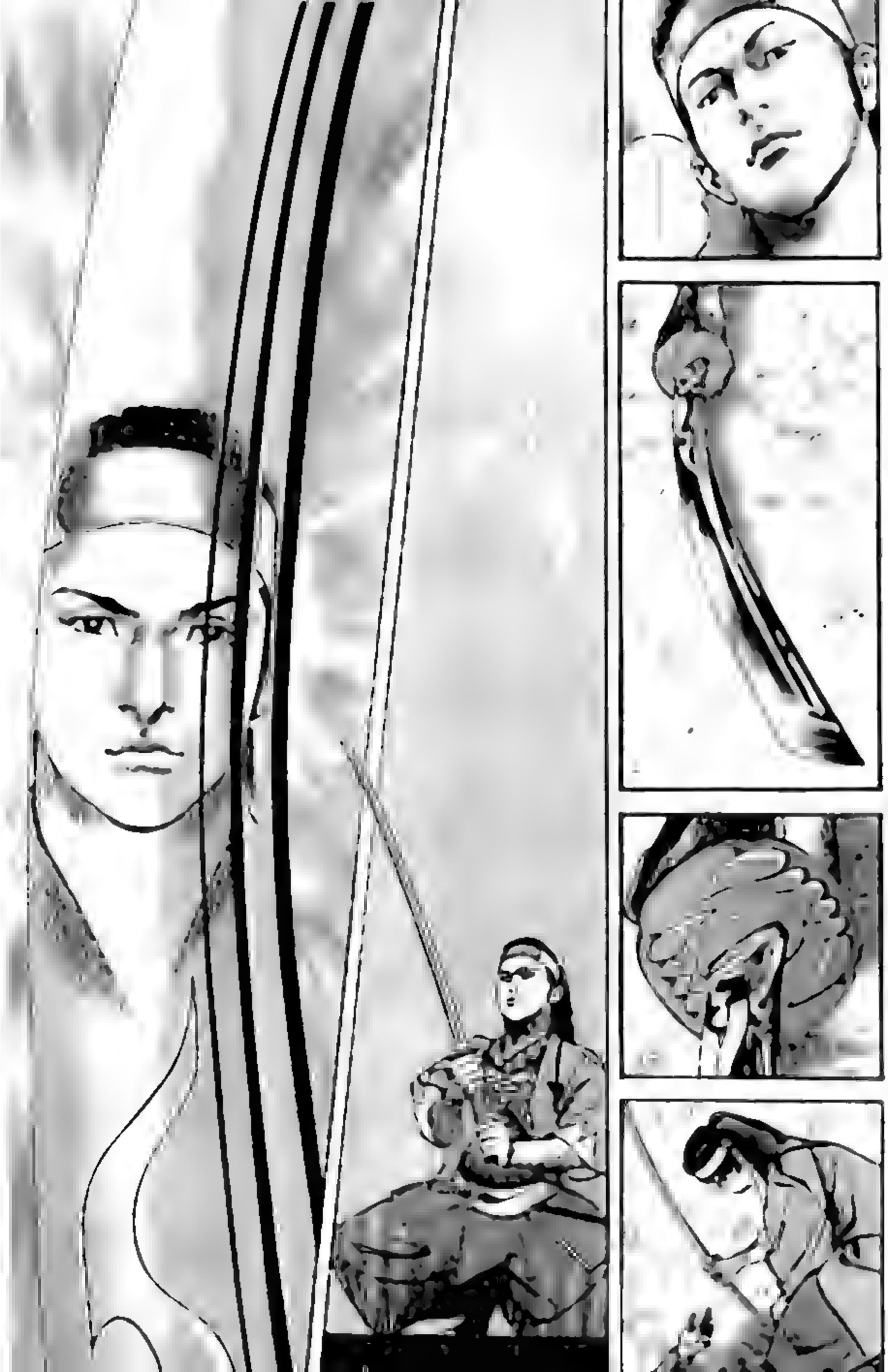

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I WAS IN A HURRY BECAUSE THEY CAME AT ME SO SUDDENLY.

OKITA!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...!?

DAMN IT! I WON'T FORGIVE THIS ARMY OF RONIN!

AND FOR IT TO BE A FRAIL, SKINNY OLD MAN...

I NEVER IMAGINED ONE OF THEM WOULD BE ABLE TO SLAY SIX OF OUR OKITA PATROL GROUP, FORMED OF THE SHINSENGUMI'S ELITE...

... I'D HEARD THAT THERE WERE SWORDSMEN AMONG THE REBELS, BUT...

I GUESS YOU CAN'T JUDGE PEOPLE BY APPEARANCES...

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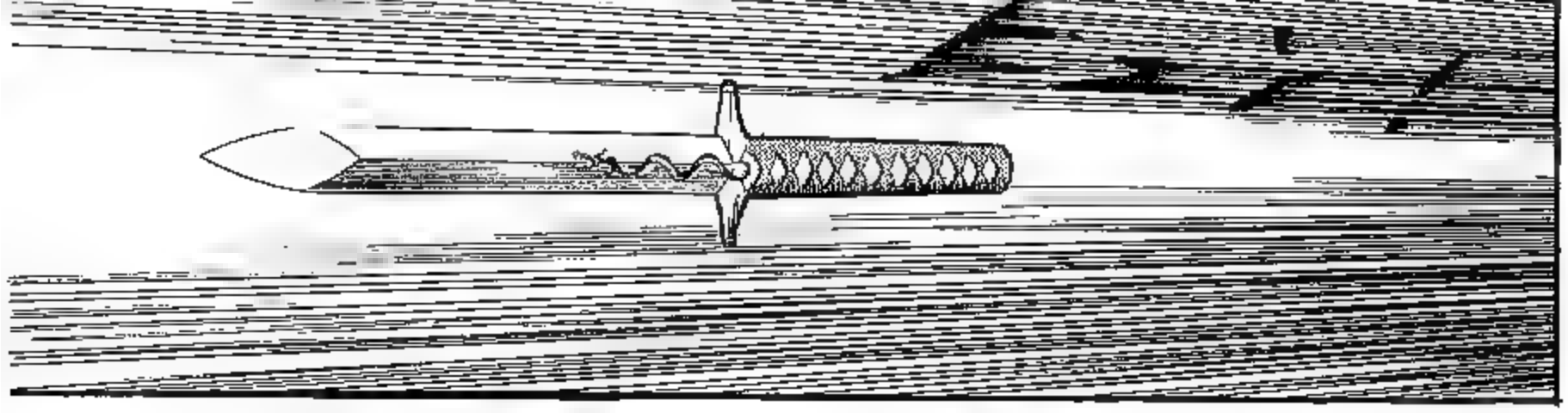

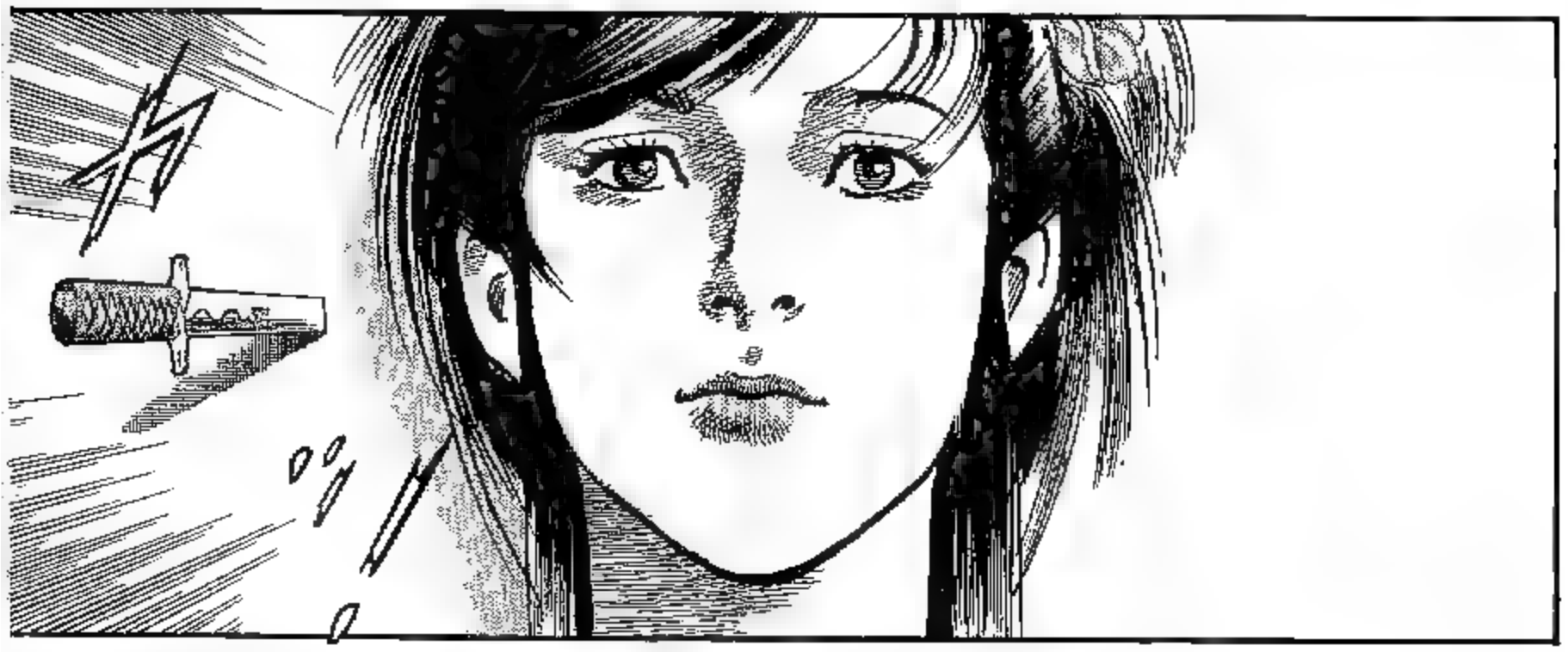

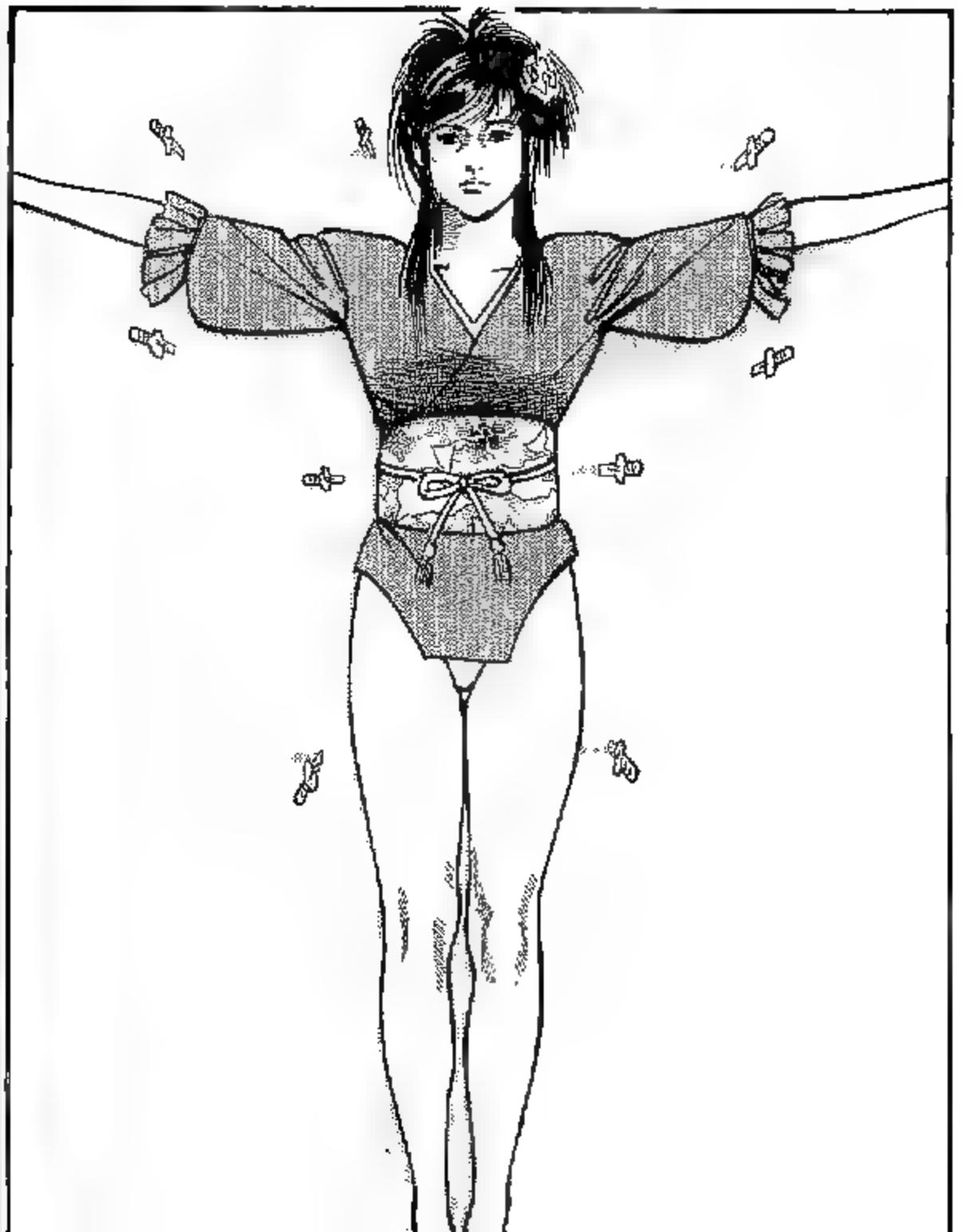

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IN RECENT TIMES, UNEXPECTED SWORDSMEN LIE HIDDEN IN THE DANGEROUS STREETS OF THE CAPITAL...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE US TODAY!

MS. KIRARA HERE HAS REQUESTED THIS HERSELF, FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT.

IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAS THE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR SKILL TO THROW THESE KNIVES, PLEASE SPEAK UP.

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IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE THROWN KNIVES MAKE EVEN A SINGLE WOUND ON MS. KIRARA'S SKIN,

REGARDLESS OF THE WOUND'S SEVERITY OR LOCATION, THE CUSTOMER WILL PAY TEN RYO AS REPARATIONS.

BUT THERE IS ONE CONDITION.

AFTER ALL, MS. KIRARA WILL BE RISKING HER LIFE IN THIS PERFORMANCE...

AND IF, BY ANY CHANCE, THE WOUND PROVES FATAL,

THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BE ARRESTED FOR THE CRIME OF MURDER.

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I, SABUROU, THE ORGANIZER OF THIS SHOW, WILL PRESENT THEM WITH THIRTY RYO.

AND IF THEY ARE ABLE TO THROW THESE TEN KNIVES IN AN OUTLINE AROUND MS. KIRARA'S BODY, EACH KNIFE STRIKING NO MORE THAN TWO INCHES FROM HER,

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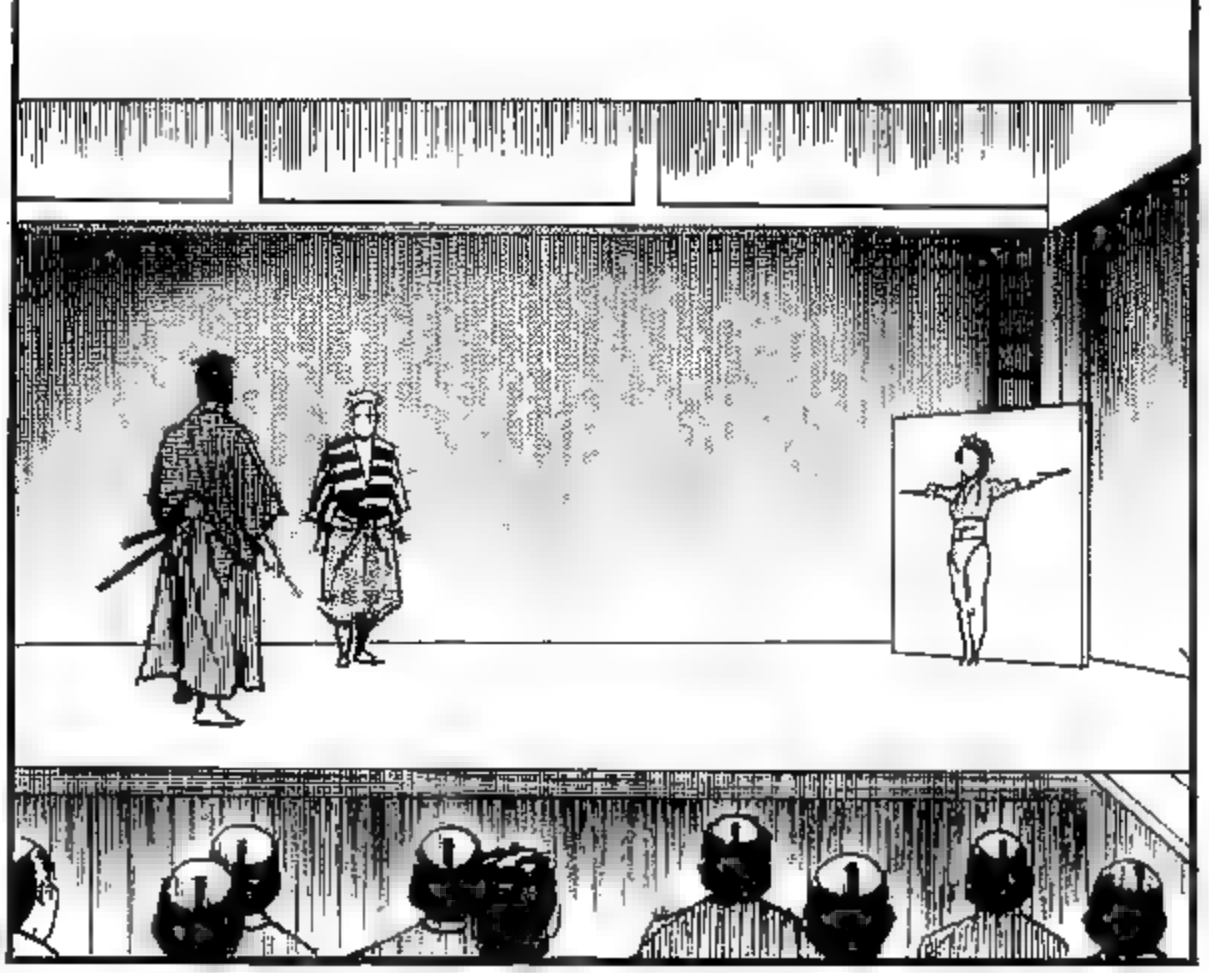

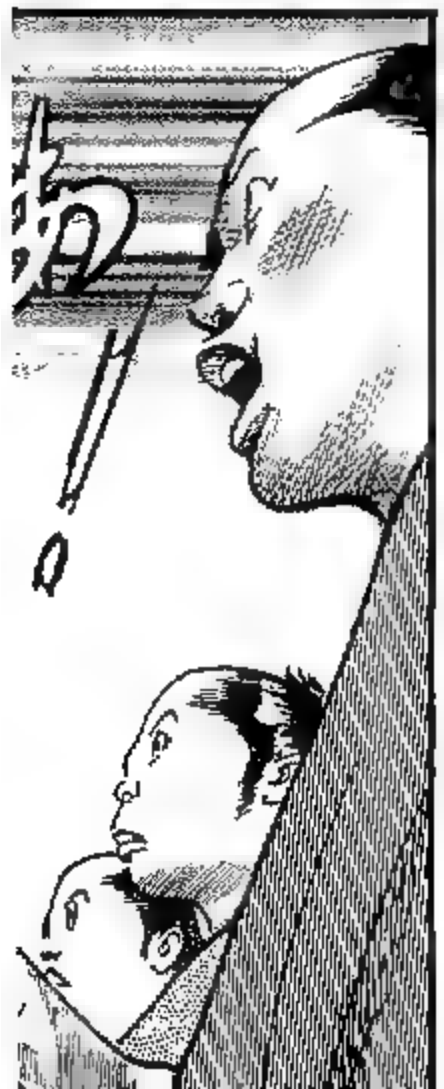

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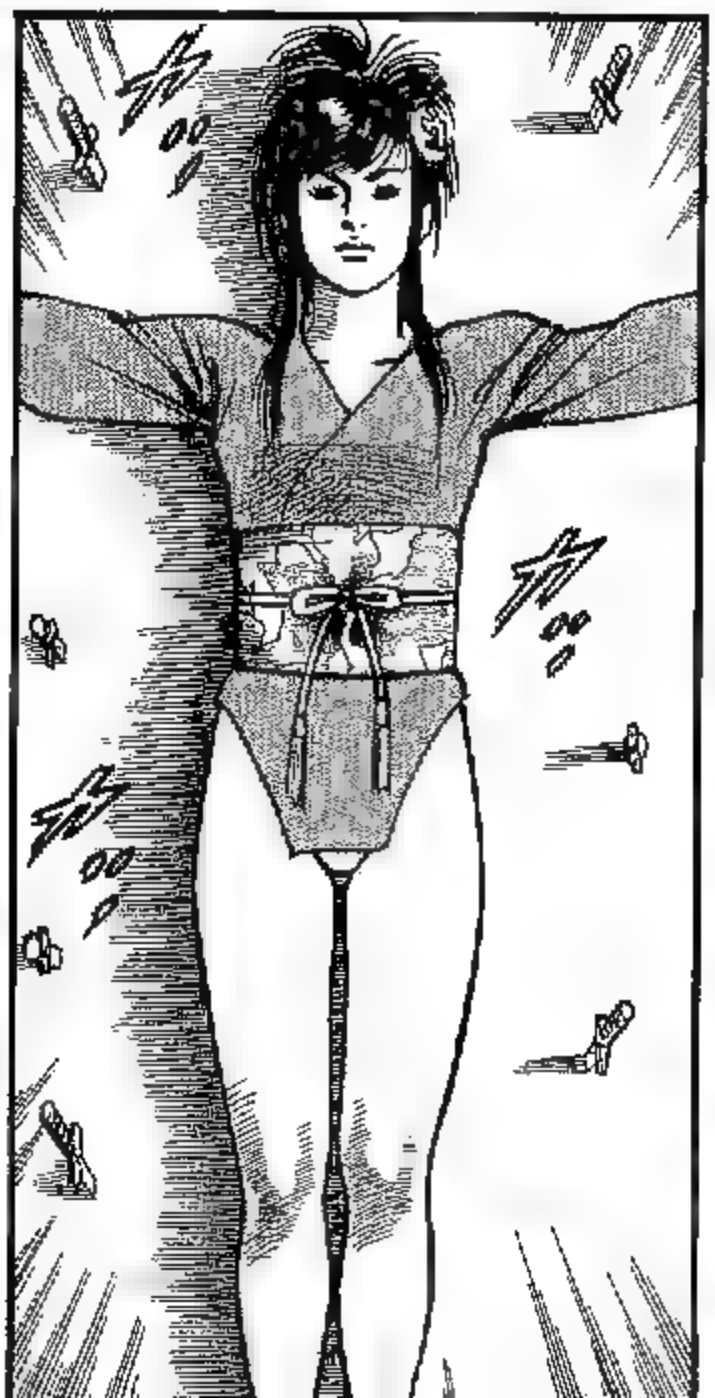

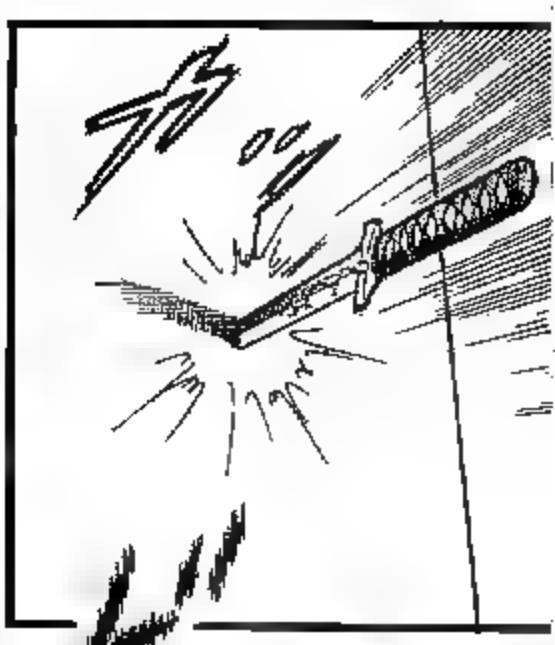
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GIVE IT UP, YOU WIMP!

IF YOU'RE GONNA THROW HIM THAT FAR ON THE MASK, GIVE ME A TURN!

HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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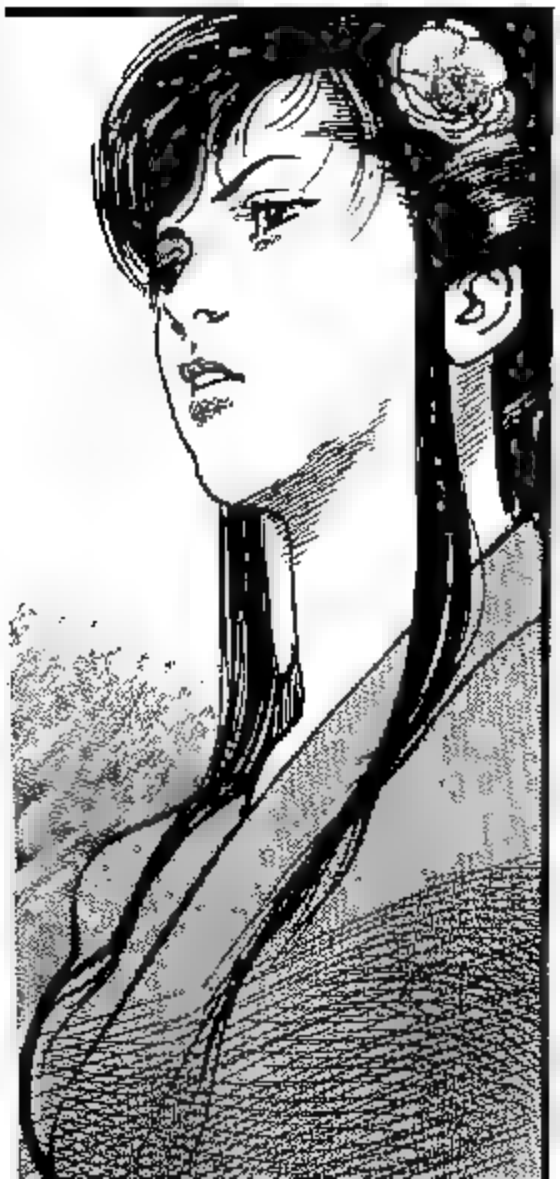
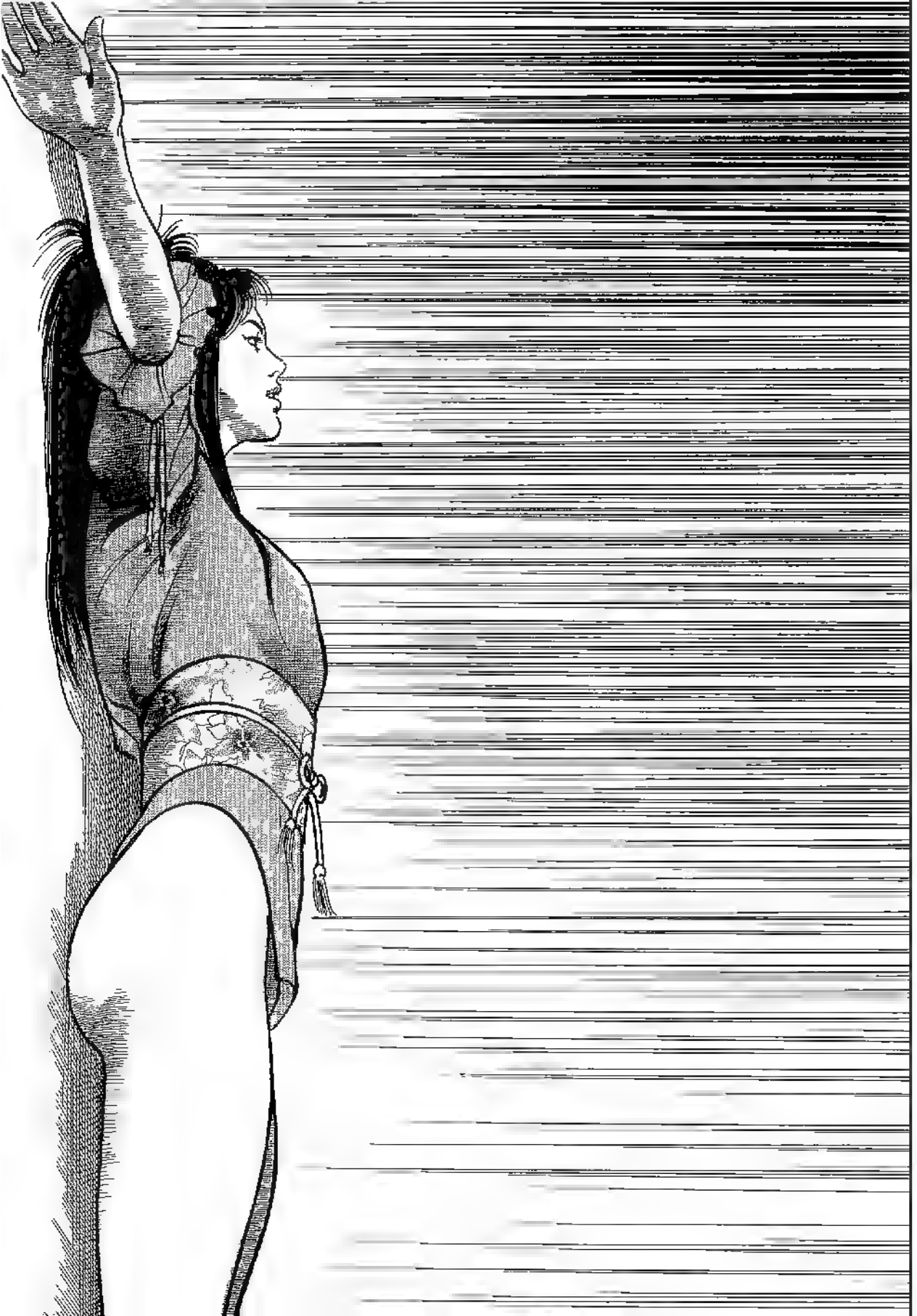
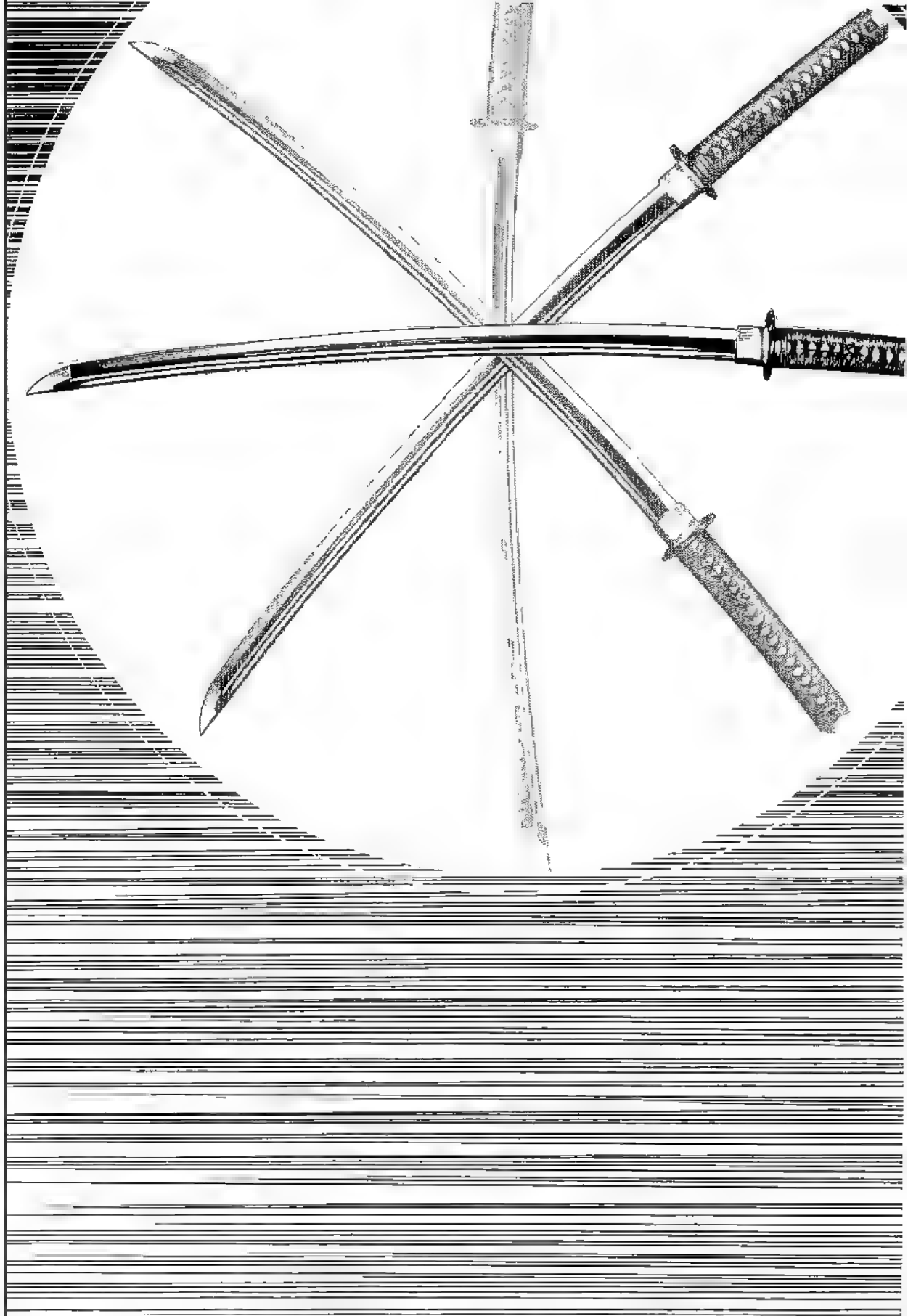
AH!

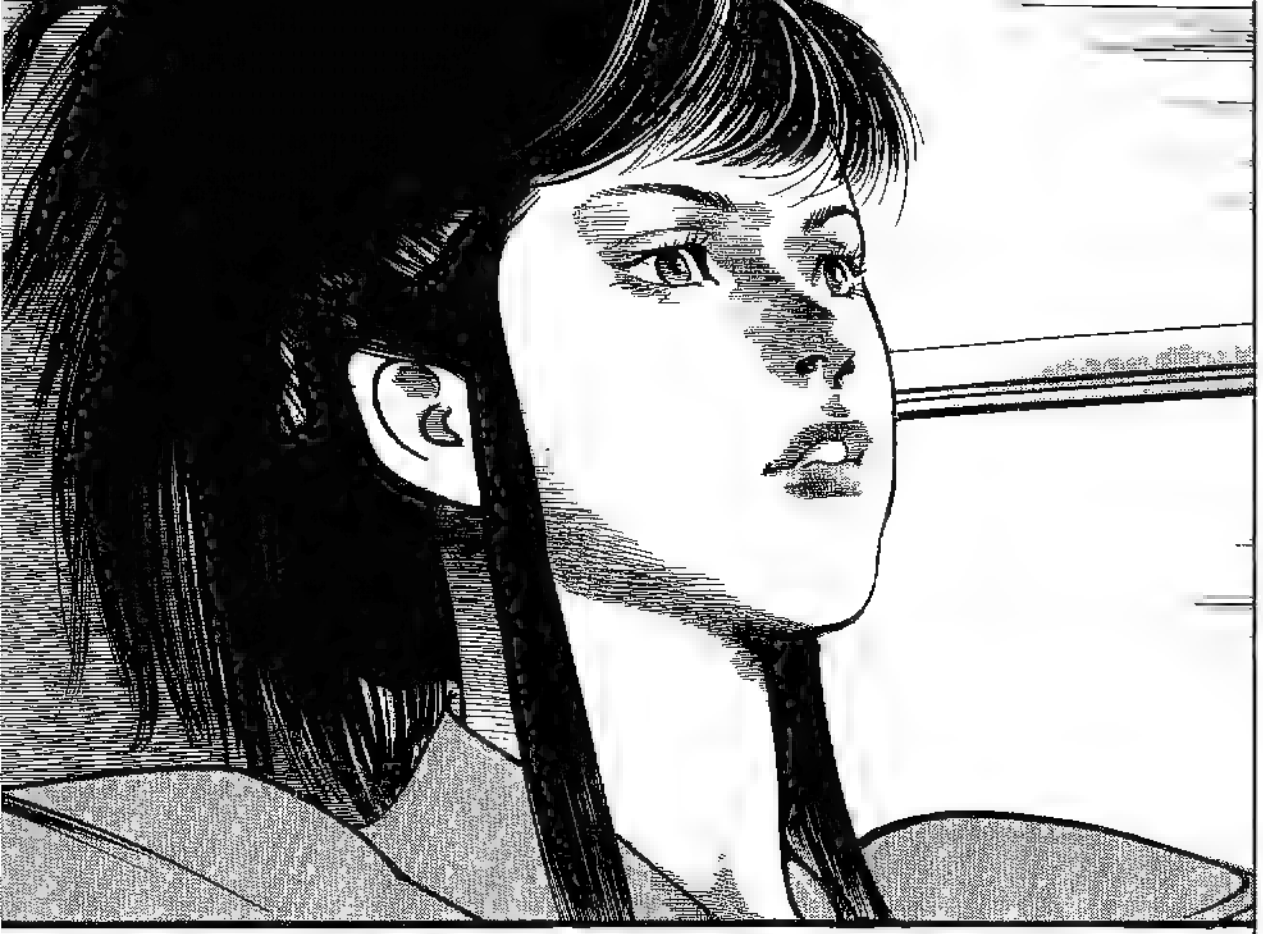
PLEASE WAIT, SIR!

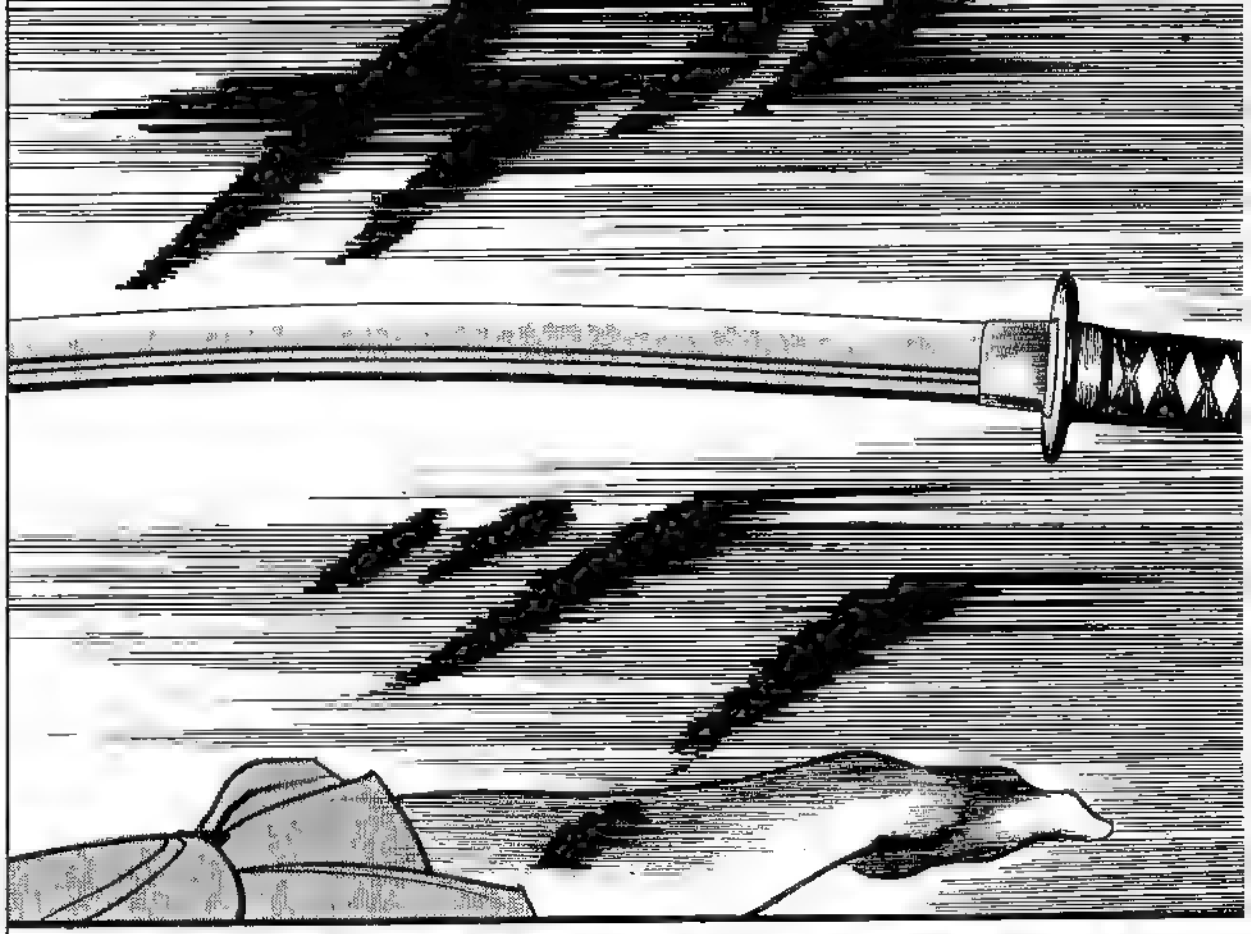


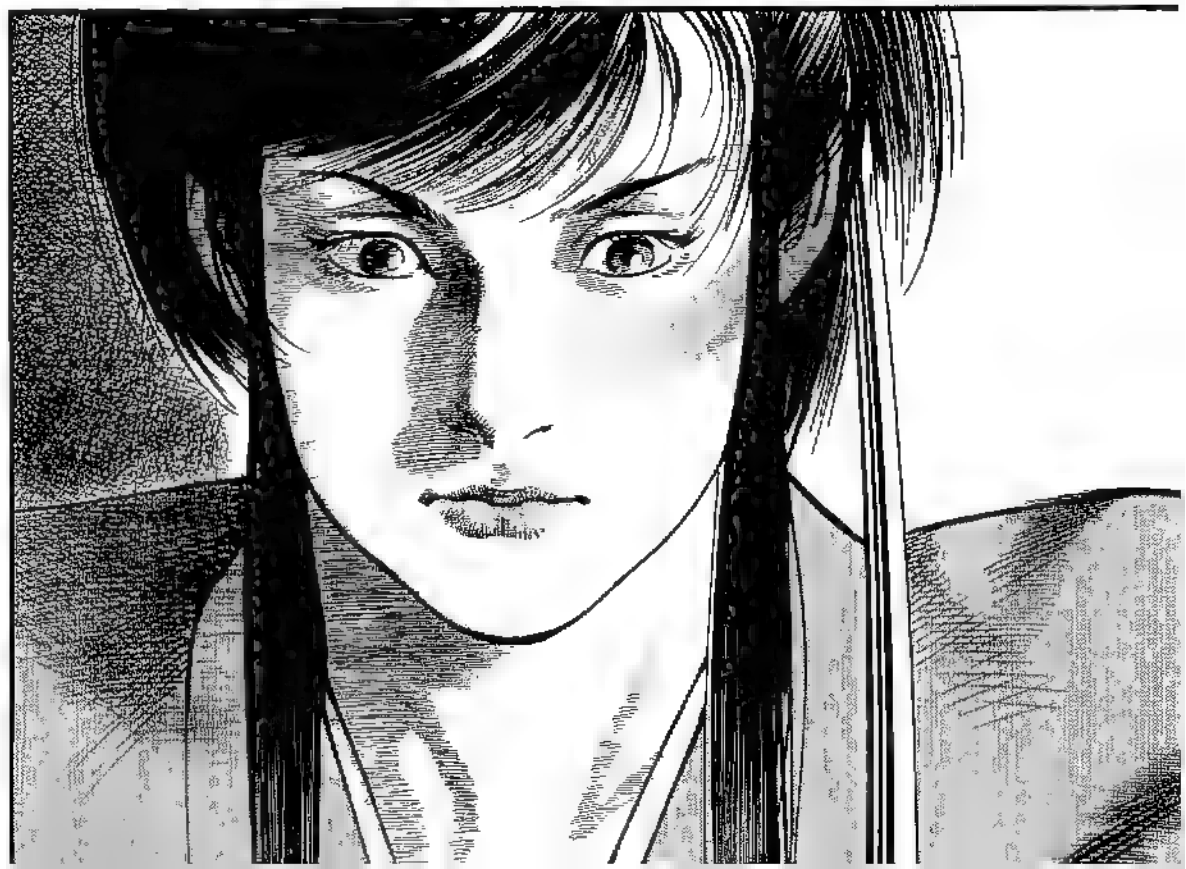
...I WANT YOU TO TAKE A TURN! HOW ABOUT IT? YOU CAN GO HOME WITH THIRTY RYO.

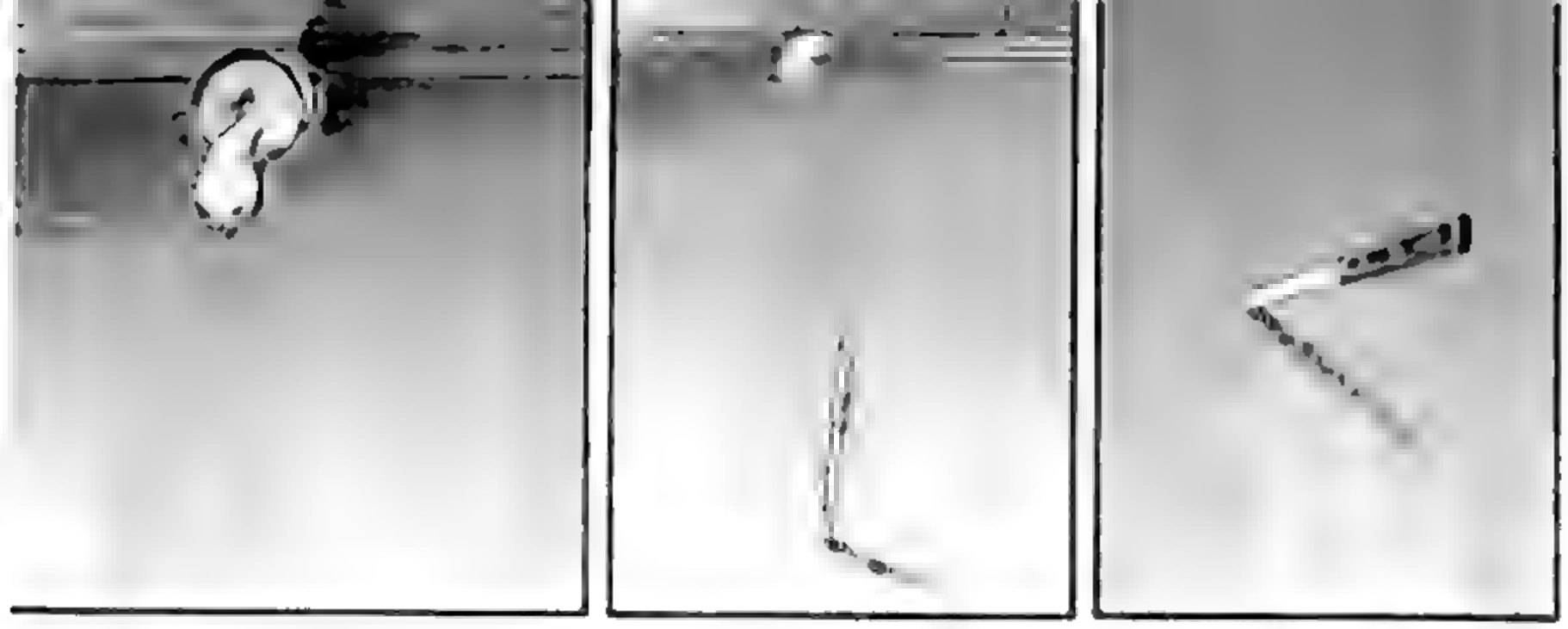












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YOU ALWAYS ATTRACT THE STRANGE ONES...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT KIRARA WOMAN REALLY IS TAKEN WITH YOU...
...I BROUGHT YOU ALONG BECAUSE I HEARD FROM A FRIEND THAT THERE WAS AN ODD WOMAN HERE, TSUKINO-SUKE...

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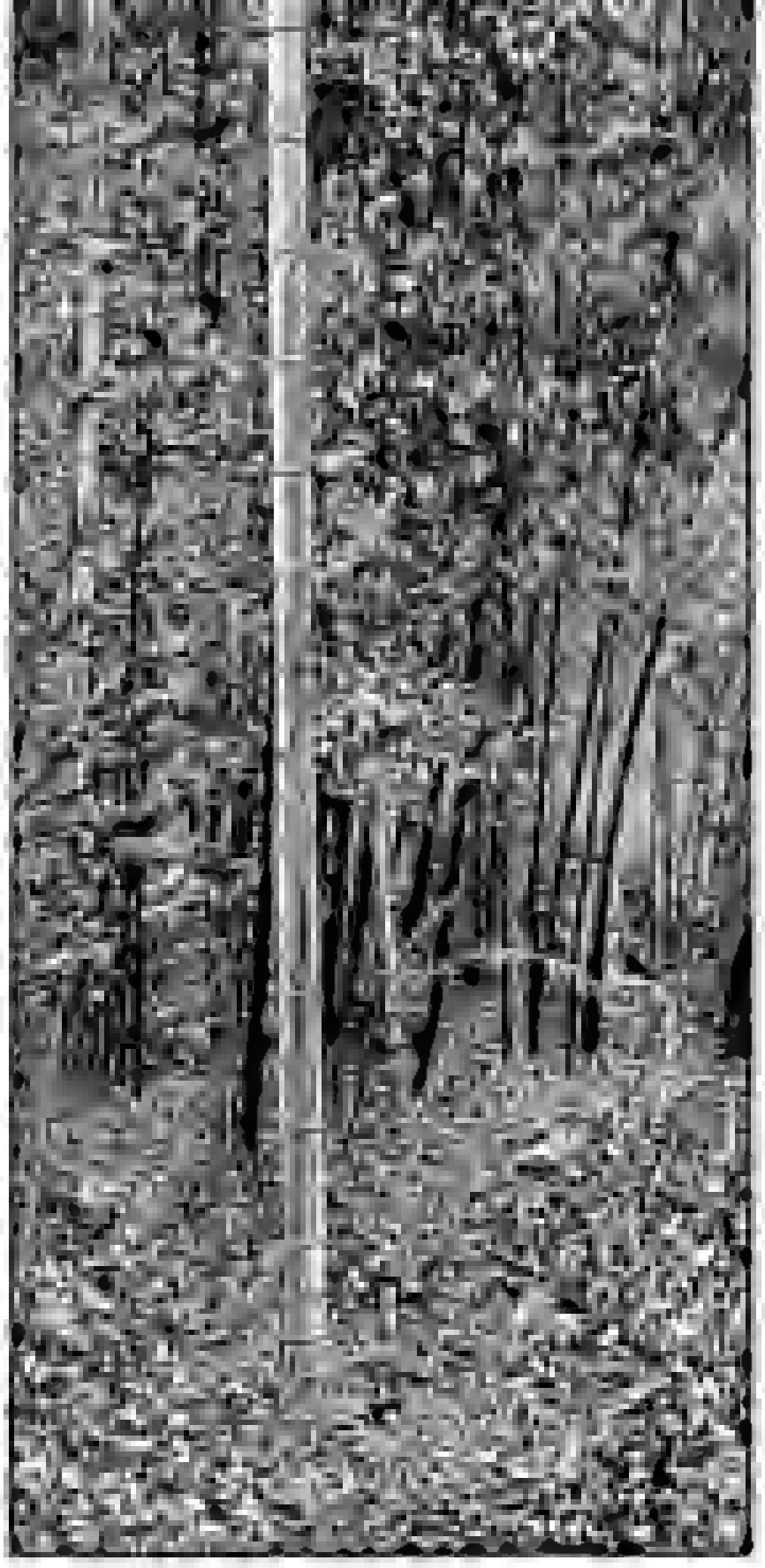

... I DON'T CARE ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS... I DON'T MIND GETTING IN-FECTED...

...
LORD OKITA.

...
SORRY.

AFTER ALL, I OWE YOU MY LIFE, LORD OKITA...

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THAT DAY, SOME DRUNKARD SAMURAI FROM CHOUSHUU APPROACHED US TO SAY THEY WANTED A PRIVATE\ PERFORMANCE...
AS PART OF OUR JOB, OUR TROUPE IS SOME-TIMES INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE RECEPTIONS AND BANQUETS OF SAMURAI.

STOP; LET GO OF HER! THAT'S DANGER-OUS!!

THAT'S WHEN A GROUP OF SHINSENGUMI ON PATROL HEARD THE COMMOTION AND BURST IN...

IF YOU HADN'T SAVED ME, LORD OKITA, RIGHT NOW I'D BE...

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A HUMAN WHO DOESN'T FEAR DEATH.

THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE, MS. KIRARA...

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL AS I DO...

SAY

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I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT SWORD THAT MAKES WRITING APPEAR ON YOUR FOREHEAD.

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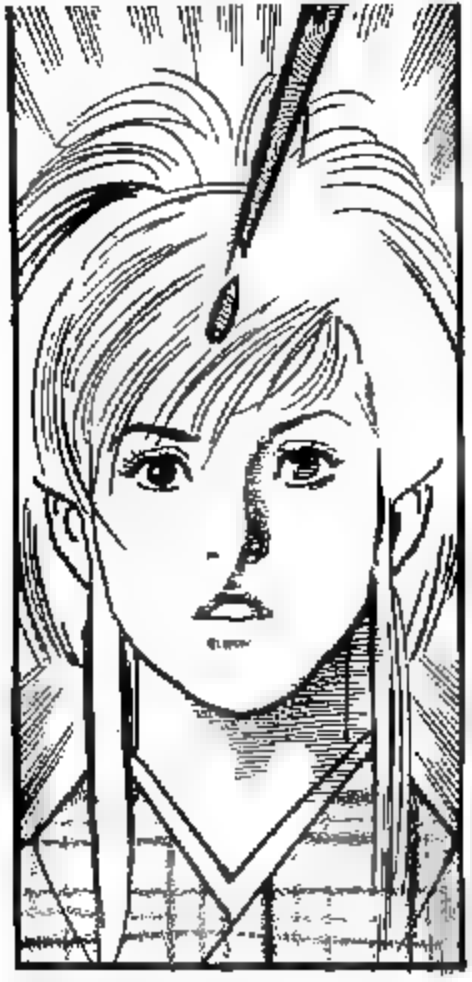
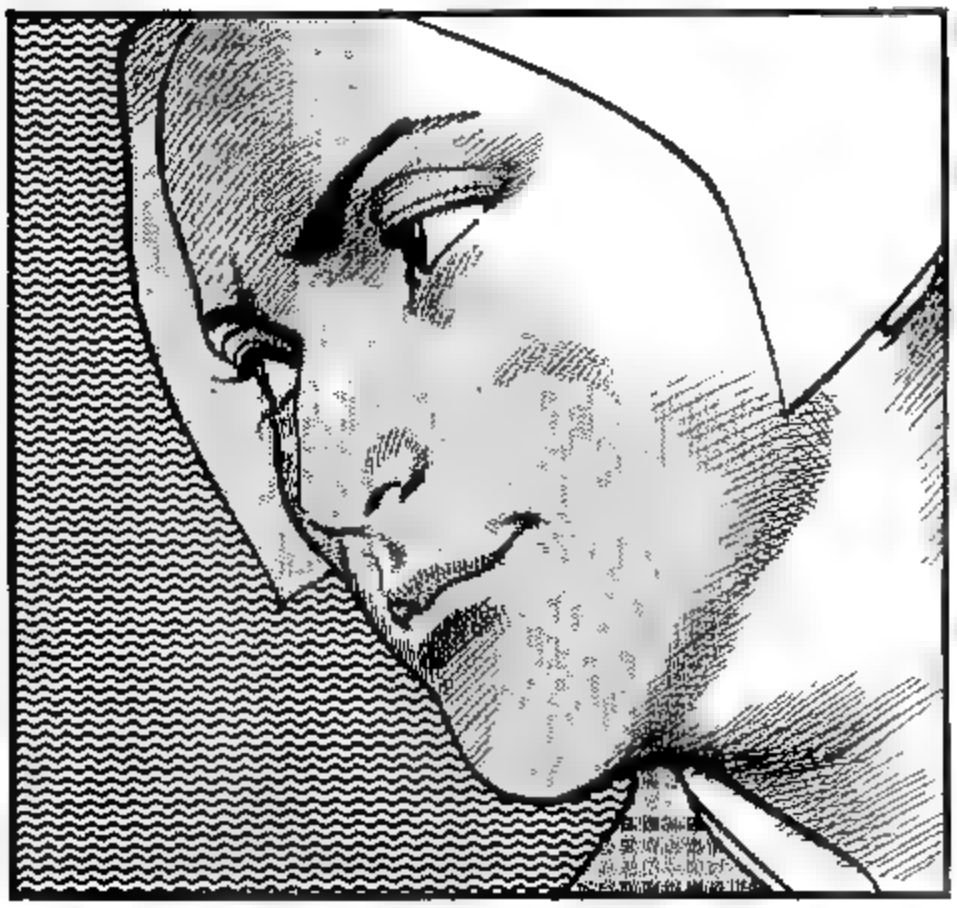
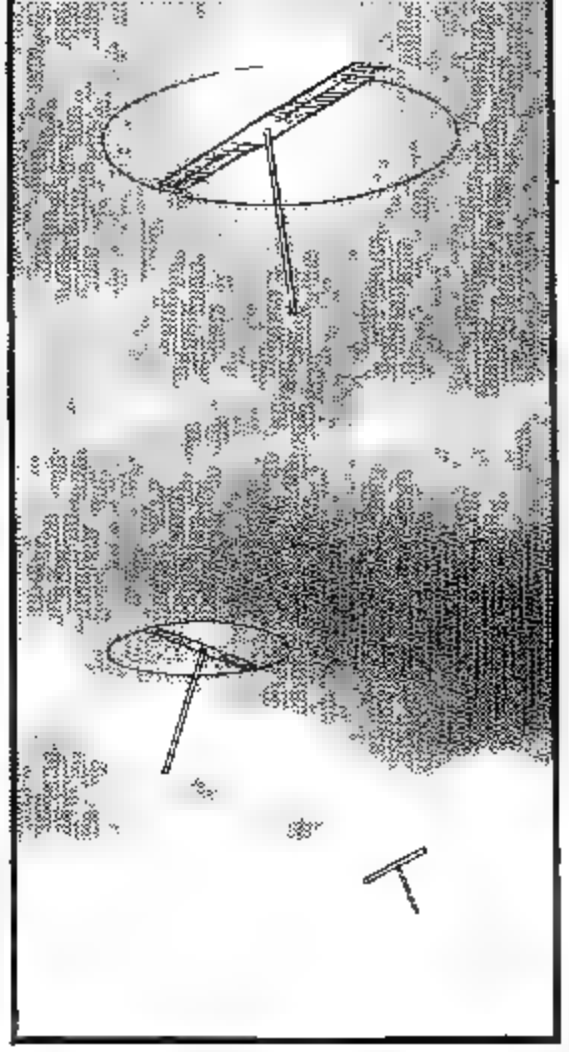
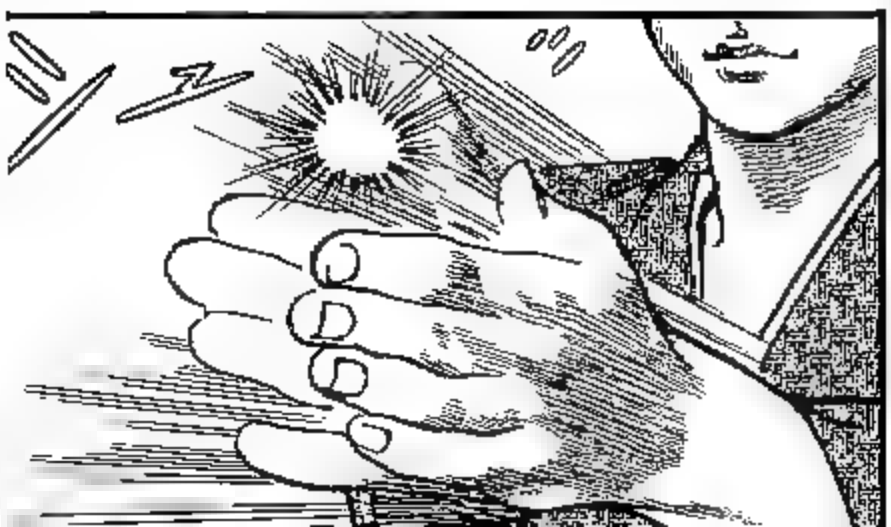
...BUT WHEN I DRAW IT, I FEEL THIS SUDDEN, IR-RESISTIBLE URGE TO CUT PEOPLE DOWN AT RANDOM...

I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE THAN I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU...









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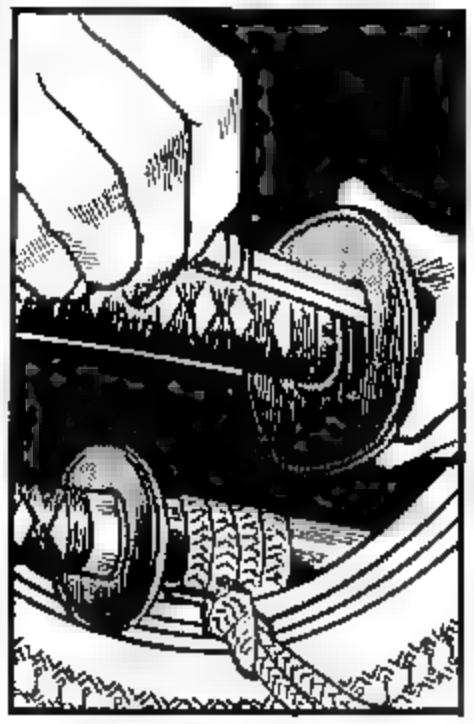

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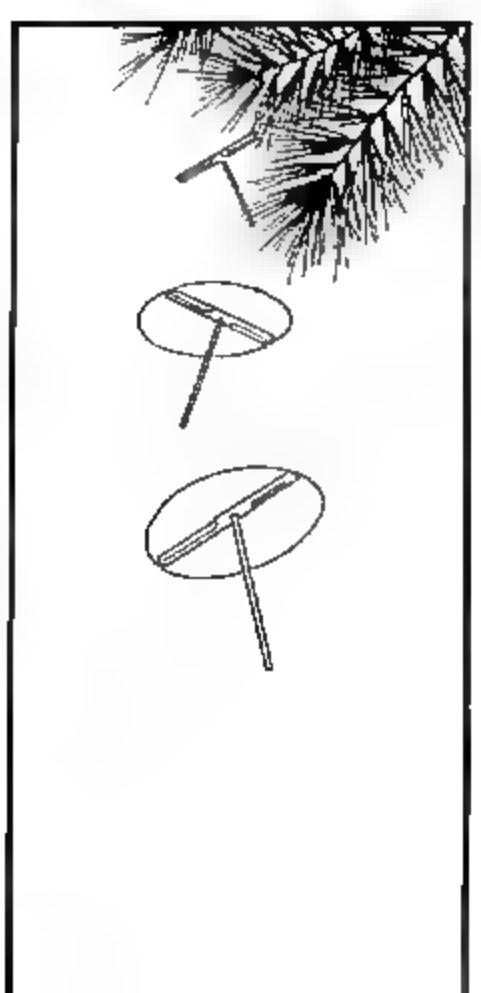

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...WASN'T THAT GUY AMAZING?

... THERE'S NO MISTAKE. THAT THING AT HIS HIP IS THE DEMON SWORD...

WELL... THAT'S... BUT...

IF IT'S THE REAL THING, I HEAR WRITING WILL APPEAR ON HIS FOREHEAD AND HE'LL START WANTING TO KILL PEOPLE AT RANDOM WHEN HE TAKES IT IN HIS HAND...

DID YOU MAKE SURE?

HIS TECHNIQUE THAT TIME WASN'T HUMAN... IT WASN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN LEARN...

IT WAS SUPERHUMAN— THAT MEANS IT HAS TO BE THE DEMON SWORD!

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BUT JUST BRINGING BACK THE PERSON WHO HAS IT SHOULD BE FINE...

WAS THAT WE WERE SELECTED TO SECRETLY RECOVER THE DEMON SWORD FROM THE SHOGUNATE,

THE CONDITION FOR OUR PARDON FROM BEING CRUCIFIED BEFORE THE PRISON GATE

WE'LL TAKE IT AND DEMAND DEMAND LOADS OF MONEY FOR IT...

THEN WE WON'T MAKE A PROFIT... IT LOOKS LIKE THE SHOGUNATE PLACES A CONSIDERABLE VALUE ON THE SWORD.

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

WELL, LET'S HURRY UP AND MAKE OUR MONEY.

AND USE CRIMINALS LIKE US... YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW IT'LL TURN OUT...

BUT BROKE OR NOT, FOR THE SHOGUNATE TO NOT EVEN HIRE RONIN,

AS EXPECTED OF LORD TAKAHIRA...

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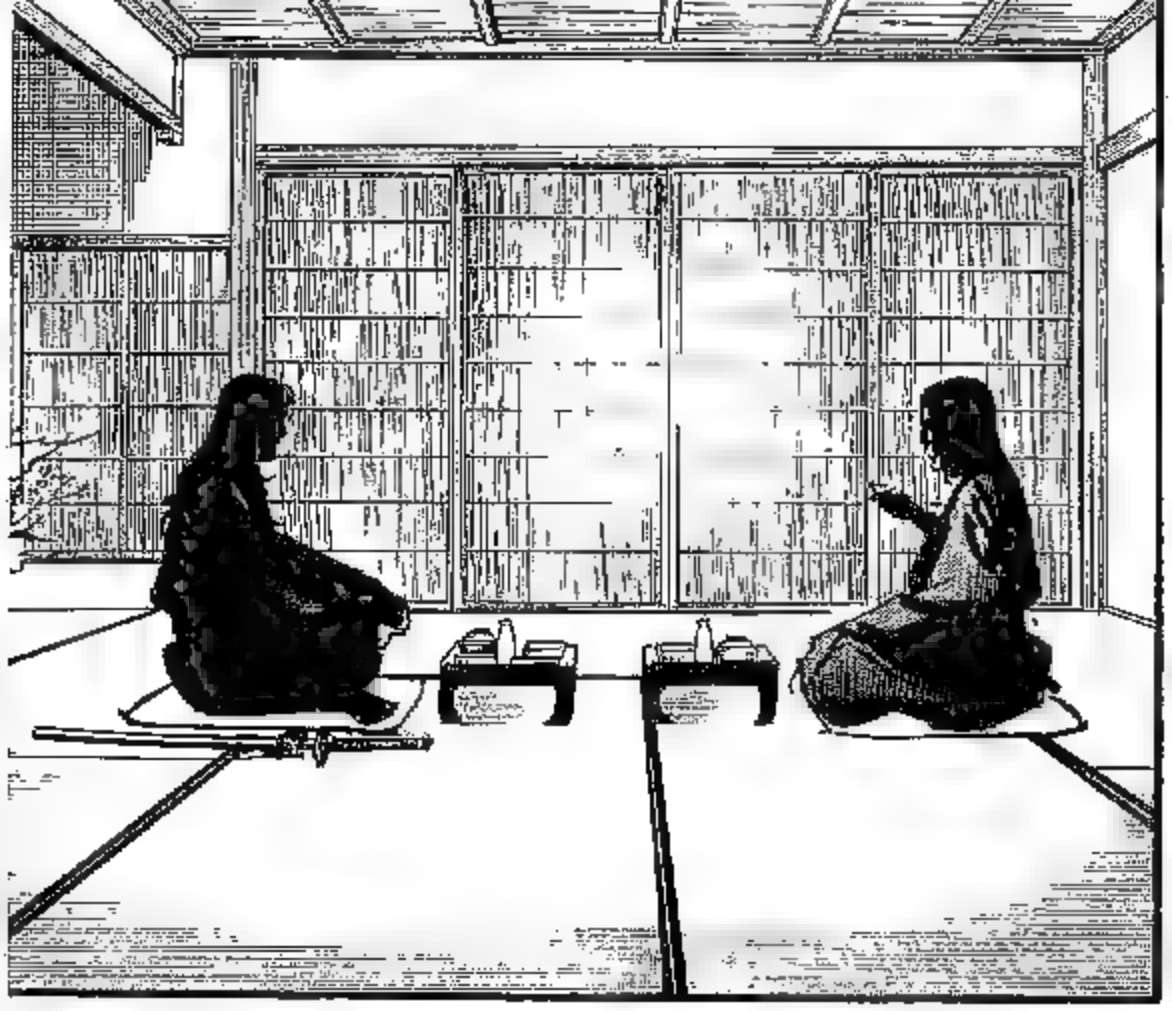
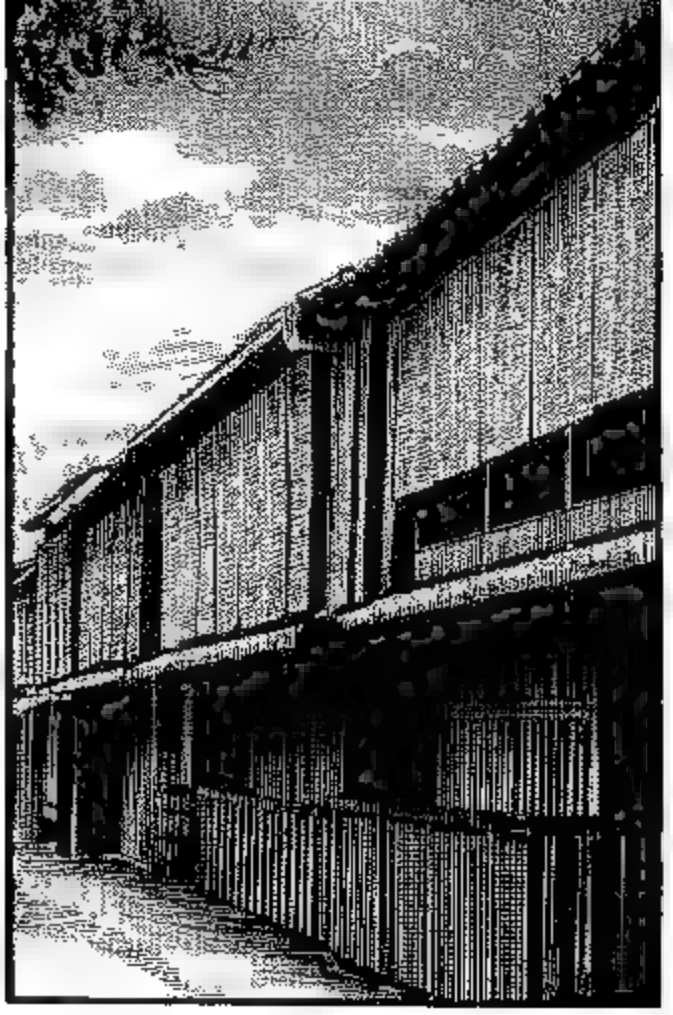
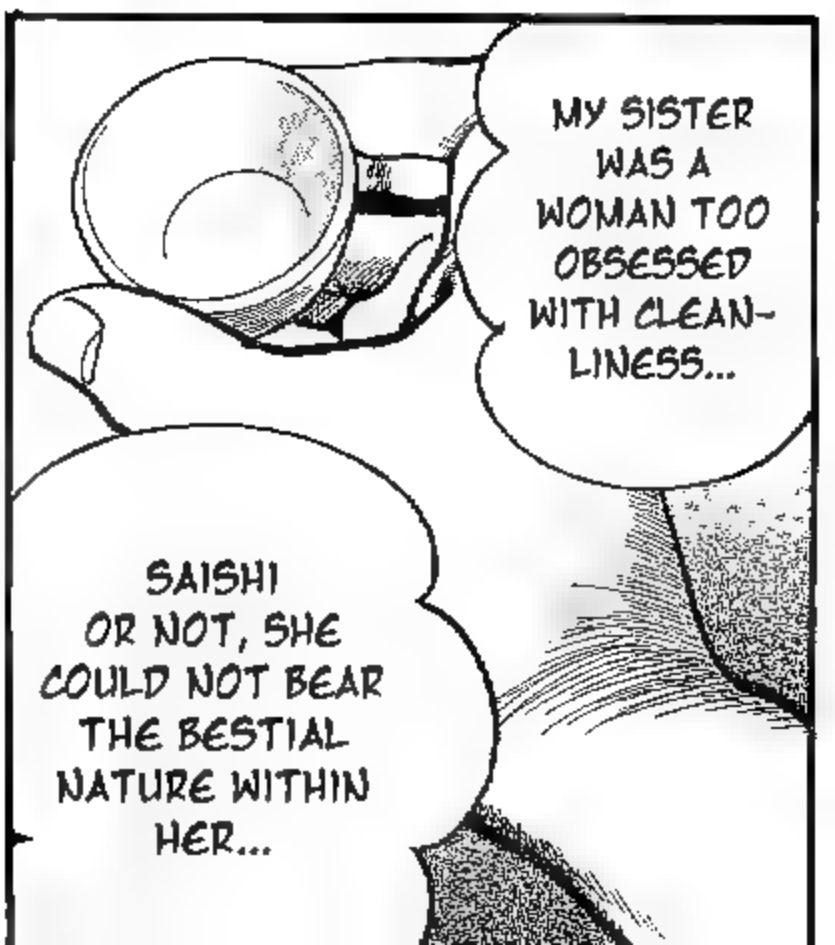




...BUT MY SISTER'S SUICIDE—

I SEE; YOU CUT DOWN THE BEAST-MEN AND LEFT THEM THERE... I GUESS THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN STAND UP TO YOUR SWORD ANY-MORE...

TSUKINOSUKE... DID MY SISTER LEAVE YOU WITH ANY LAST WORDS?


MY SISTER WAS A WOMAN TOO OBSESSED WITH CLEAN-LINESS...
SAISHI OR NOT, SHE COULD NOT BEAR THE BESTIAL NATURE WITHIN HER...

...NO.

HE WISHES TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HELP WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY THE BEAST-MEN EARLIER...

ACTUALLY, THE REASON I CALLED YOU HERE IS MY TEACHER.

MASTER INUI, YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW HAS ARRIVED.

THIS IS THE HOME OF MY WIFE'S FAMILY. AND THIS IS MY WIFE'S YOUNGER SISTER, MS. CHIGUSA. PLEASE, DO NOT HESITATE TO...

I AM SEKIGUCHI YOUNOSUKE OF CHOUSHUU. I FEEL NOTHING BUT GRATITUDE TOWARD YOU, SIR.

ASUMA KENGO, LIKEWISE.

I AM MASTER SEKIGUCHI'S DISCIPLE, IWAI JOUTAROU OF CHOUSHUU.

HE IS A MAN FOR WHOM I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT...

MASTER SEKIGUCHI ACTS TOGETHER WITH KATSURA KOGOROU AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE ANTI-SHOGUNATE FACTION.

UGH!

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY? THIS IS THE MAN IN CHARGE OF KEEPING ORDER THROUGHOUT KYOTO CITY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AIZU:

MASTER SERIZAWA KAMO, COMMANDER OF THE SHINSENGUMI!

GRRR!

WE DRINK EXPENSIVE SAKE, SO OUR PISS IS HOLY WATER. YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL!

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP TAKING A PISS ON THE ONES DOWN BELOW...?

...IT IS AS YOU GENTLEMEN SAY. PLEASE PARDON THIS YOUNGSTER.

IF HE ACKNOW-LEDGES IT'S HOLY WATER, THEN IT'S FINE.

THE MAIN COURSE——!

THE COURSE OF A RIVER SOMETIMES CHANGES... UNTIL WE KNOW THE MAIN COURSE FROM THE TRIBUTARIES, WE MUST ENDURE...

MAIN COURSE? ...

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WHO ARE YOU?

...SINCE THEN, I HAVE SERVED MASTER SEKI-GUCHI AND LEARNED MANY THINGS.

SERIZAWA, WHO CARRIED HIS VIOLENCE TO EXTREMES, WAS LATER ASSASSI-NATED IN KONDOU AND HIJIKATA'S PURGE, BUT...

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NO DIFFERENT FROM SERI-ZAWA AND HIS LOT-...

WITH KONDOU ISAMI AS THEIR LEADER, THE CURRENT SHINSEN-GUMI ARE STILL VICIOUS THUGS HIDING BEHIND THE SHOGUNATE'S AUTHORITY,

THEY WANTED TO OBSTRUCT THE ANTI-SHOGUNATE FORCES FROM CONCEALING THEMSELVES IN KYOTO

— AFTER THE POLITICAL DISTURBANCE ON AUGUST 18TH, THE CHOUSHUU WERE PURGED FROM THE CITY.

THE SHINSEN-GUMI AND THE KYOTO CITY WATCH DREW THEIR STRICT NET OF VIGILANCE..

THERE IS NO SHADOW ON THE ANTI-SHOGUNATE SENTIMENTS OF KATSURA KOGORO AND THE OTHER CHOUSHUU LEADERS...

BUT WHEN CHOUSHUU GAINS THE THRONE AND BECOMES THE ARMY FOR THE EXPULSION OF FOREIGNERS, WE WILL STRIKE DOWN THE BAKUFU IN EDO.

SOLE RULE BY THE SHOGUNATE, CONTINUING IEYASU'S LINE, HAS ENDED.

SINCE THE DISTURBANCE OUTSIDE SAKURA-DAMON, 変ーうに

SIR GEN TSUKI-NOSUKE.

AS THINGS ARE, THIS DIVINE NATION OF JAPAN CANNOT BUT FALL TO THE PRESSURE OF FOREIGN NATIONS AND BECOME THE BARBARIANS' COLONY.

EVEN SO, POWER STILL CLINGS TO THE SHOGUNATE SYSTEM, CENTERED ON THE SUCCESSORS TO THE DAIMYO.

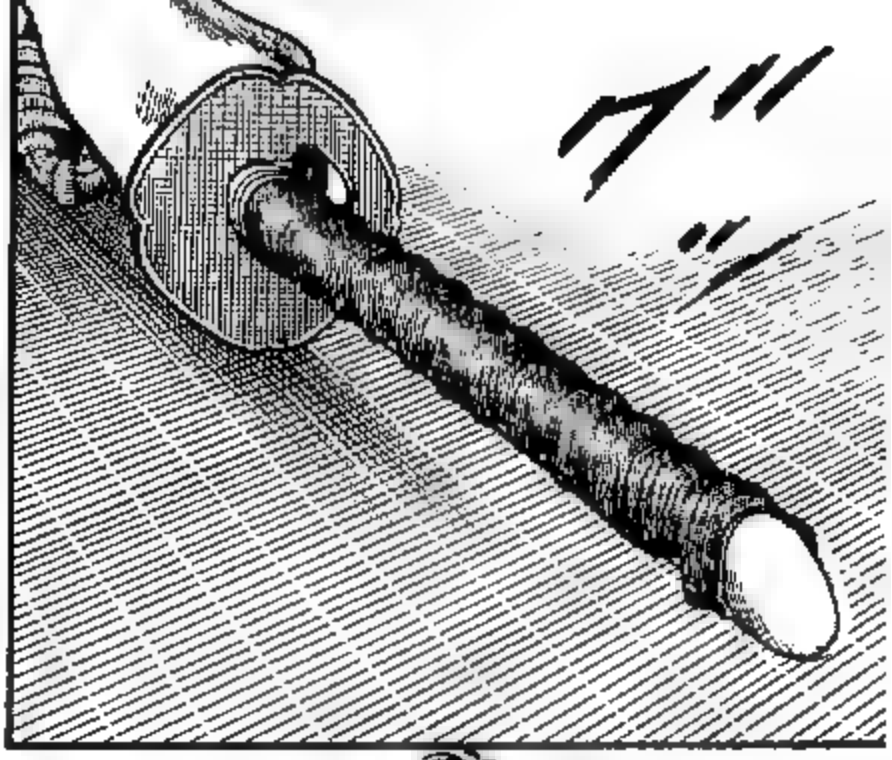
WE, THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, DESCENDED FROM THE GODS, CAN NO LONGER ENTRUST GOVERNANCE TO THE INCAPABLE SHOGUNATE!

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF YOUR **FANG OF GOD.** PLEASE, YOU MUST LEND YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP TO OUR CAUSE.

I BEG OF YOU.

THE CURRENT STATE OF JAPAN TRULY SADDENS ME...

CHOUSHUU, A TRIBUTARY, DESIRES TO BECOME THE MAIN COURSE, AND IS BEGINNING TO MOBILIZE ONCE MORE.



I UNDER-
STAND
YOUR
BELIEFS
...

BUT FROM
THE PERS-
PECTIVE OF A
MERE PENNI-
LESS RONIN
LIKE ME,
THE
GREAT
CAUSE YOU
GENTLE-
MEN
PREACH...

SEEMS, IN THE END, TO BE NO-THING MORE THAN A WAR FOR POWER BY THE SWORD,

LAUNCHED BY THOSE WHO WISH TO DEFEAT THE WEAKENING SHOGUNATE AND SEIZE POWER FOR THEMSELVES.

EXCUSE ME.

WH- WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

... TSUKI- NO- SUKE.

.....

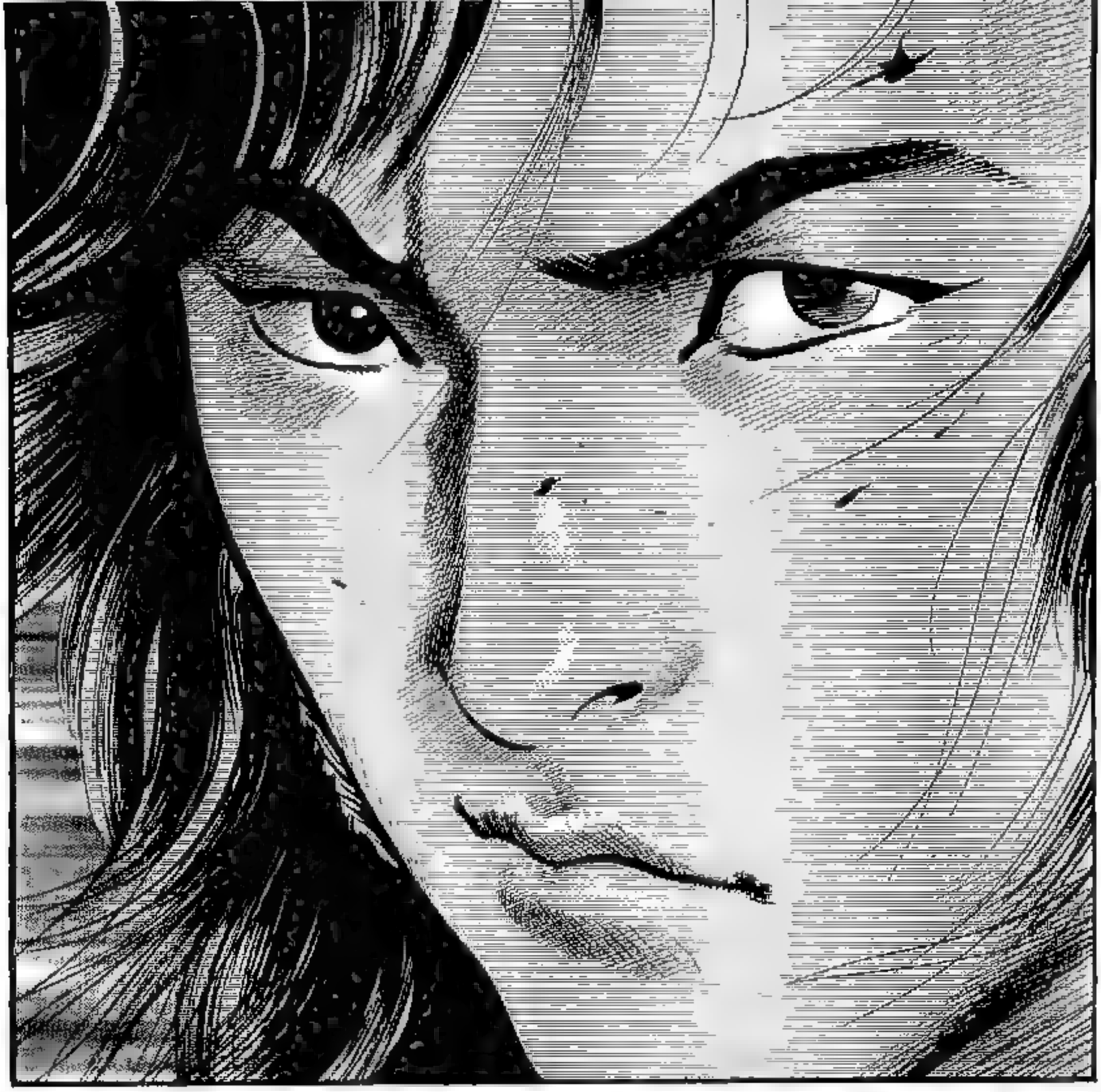
...
YOU'RE CERTAINLY A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN...

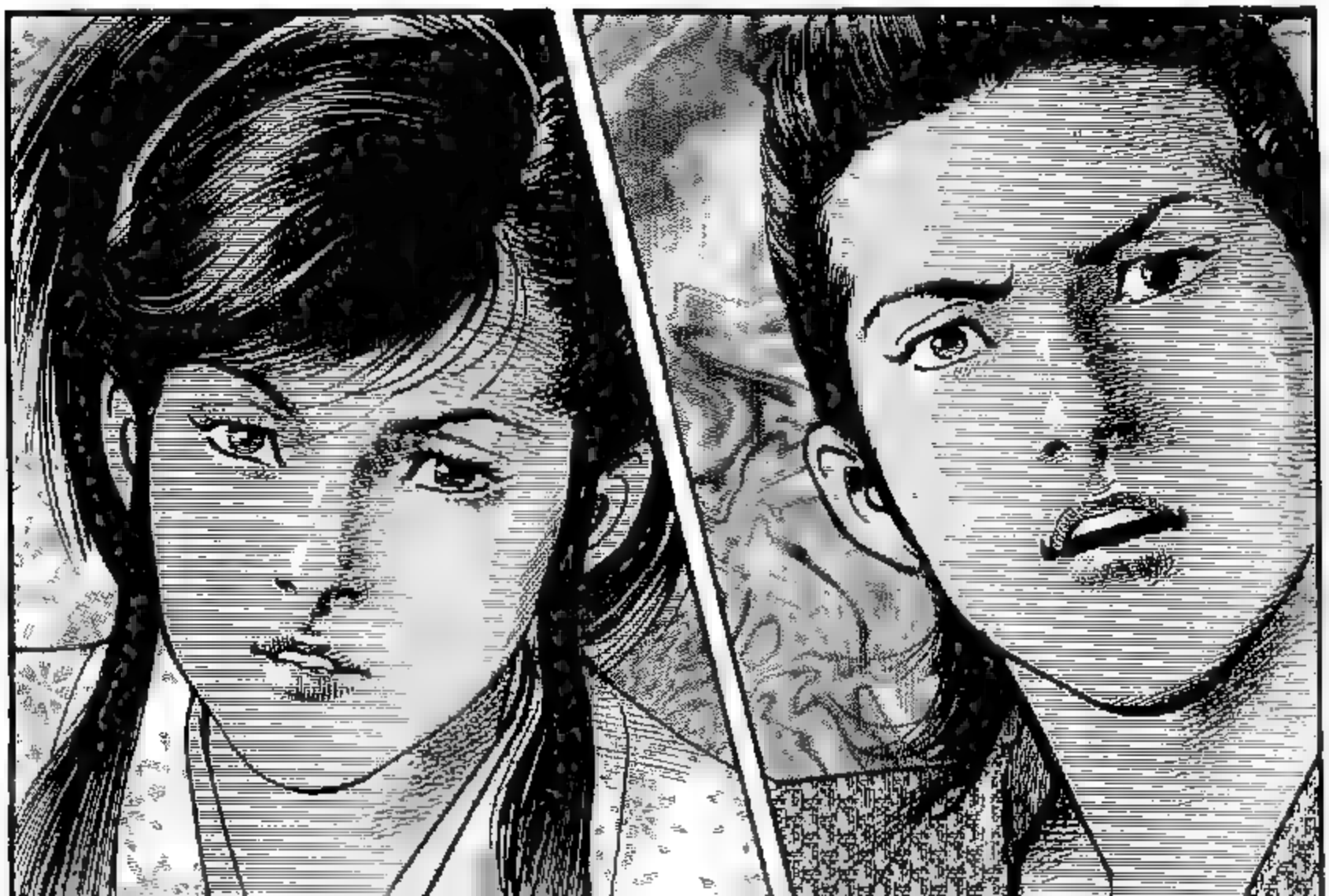
NO MATTER WHAT, I HAD TO SEE IT ONE MORE TIME... THAT SWORD.

I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT TO A PLACE LIKE THIS AGAIN...

AFRAID... OF THIS SWORD...

ACTUALLY, I'M AFRAID...





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The power at that time exterminated the legendary tribe, Shishi,
who were the vicious warriors inherited by beasts.
The tribe was beyond the boundary of human nature,
and even had poisonous blood.
Gen Tukinosuke, half beast and half human, has carefully blood relation with Satshi,
and pronounces the death sentence on all.

Chapter 11: The Demon Sword (Part 3)

THEY'RE...!?

I'M SURE I KILLED THEM...

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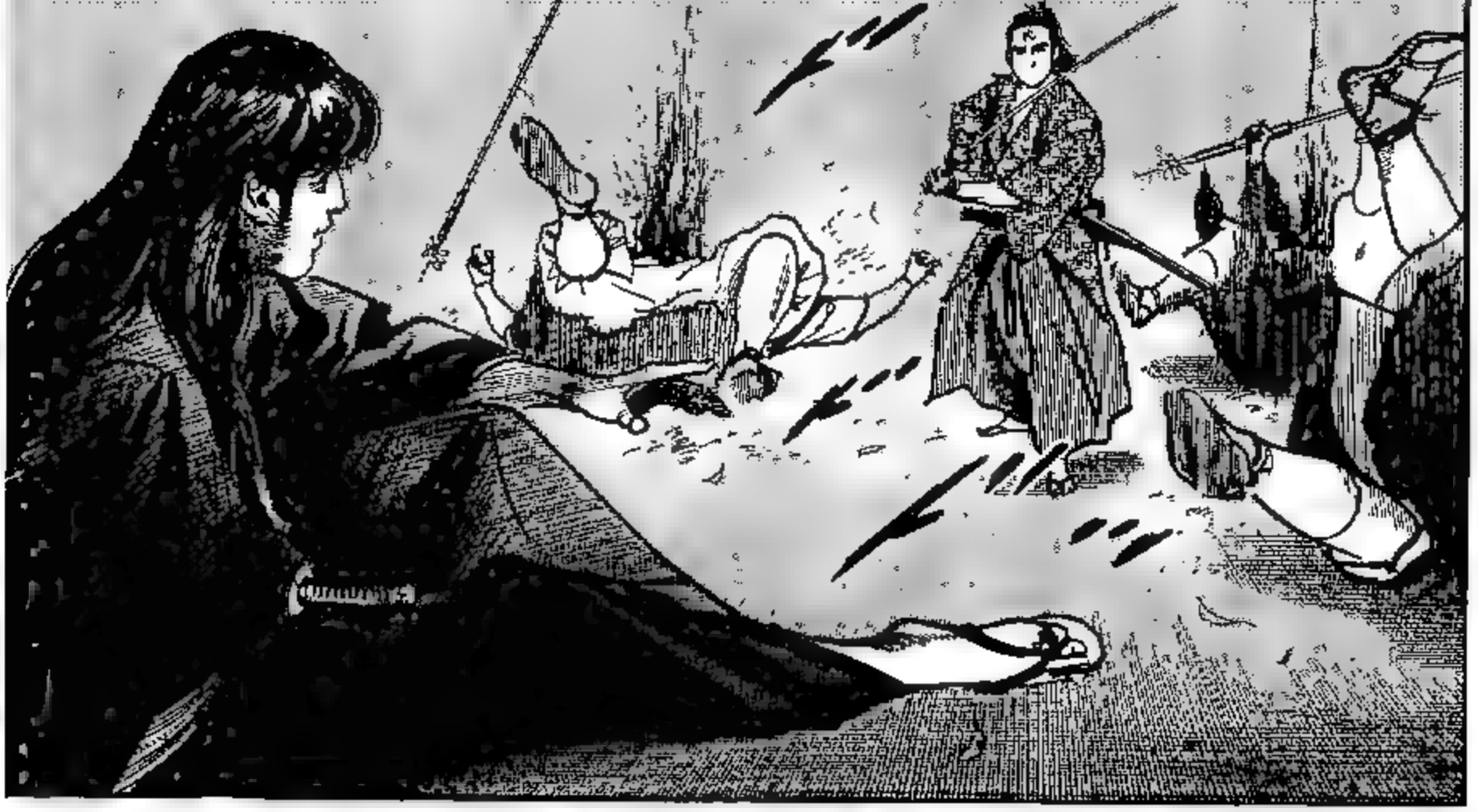
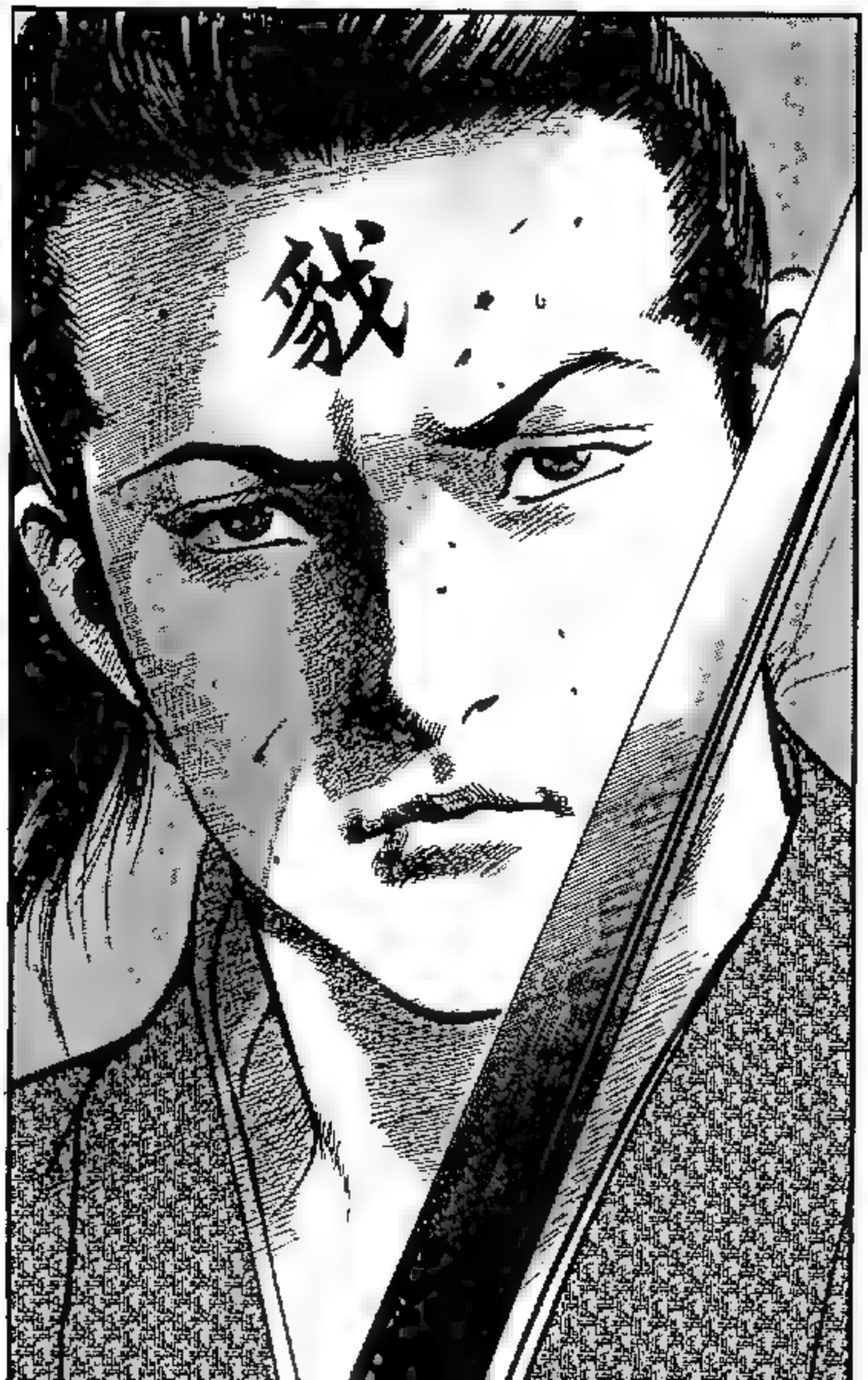
... I'M SCARED ...

TH- THEIR FACES... B-BEASTS !?

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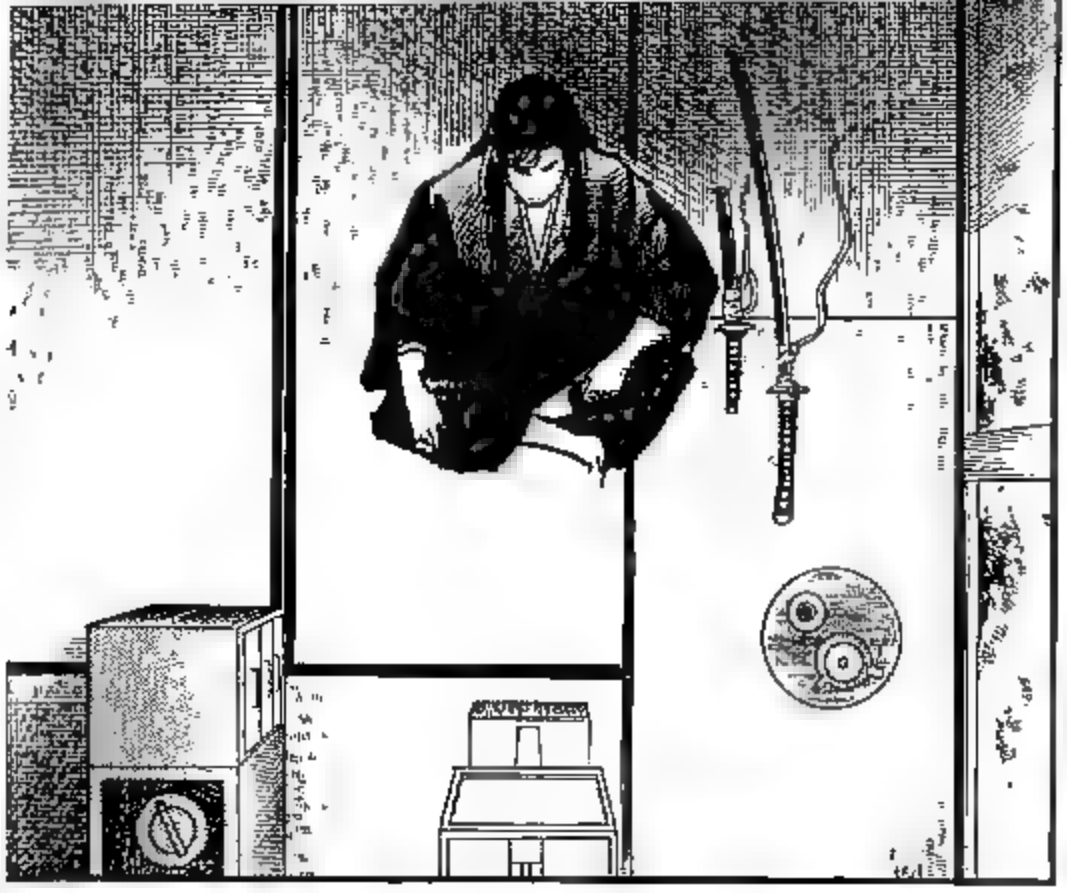
LORD OKITA...!

...WE'VE FINALLY FOUND IT: THE SWORD OF THE DIVINE BEAST--!



IF ANYONE OTHER THAN A SAISHI HOLDS IT...

...IT'S TOO DANGEROUS...

THE SWORD OF THE DIVINE BEAST— WHY DOES OKITA HAVE IT...?

MR. HIJIKATA SAID TO LET OKITA DO AS HE PLEASES FOR A WHILE...

THEY CALL HIM OKITA THE OGRE, BUT I GUESS HE'S SOFT ON HIM, SINCE THEY'RE FROM THE SAME TOWN...

I THINK MR. OKITA'S ILLNESS MIGHT BE PRETTY SEVERE...

NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT...

THIS BLADE MOVED ON ITS OWN TO CUT THEM DOWN... THAT'S HOW IT FELT...

THE ONE WHO KILLED THEM WAS ME, BUT IT WASN'T ME...

.....

... WHO IN THE WORLD WERE THEY?

I HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LOOK SO MUCH LIKE BEASTS IN THIS WORLD.

AND... I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SLAY SUCH MONSTERS...

SORRY... I HAD A BEAUTIFUL WIFE LIKE YOU, AND I WAS SET TO INHERIT MY PARENTS' STORE...

BUT I WAS CHARMED BY MASTER SEKIGUCHI'S ***MAIN COURSE*** DOCTRINE AND WHILE I WAS TAKING CARE OF THE RONIN FOR THE CHOUSHUU,

... WHAT DOES A MAN WHO THREW ME AWAY AND RAN OFF THREE YEARS AGO WANT WITH ME NOW?

...I CAME FROM CHOUSHUU ALONE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ***MAIN COURSE*** DOCTRINE YOU CHOSE OVER ME...

BUT THEN I MET SABUROU THE ILLUSIONIST, AND I HAVEN'T GIVEN A DAMN ABOUT YOU SINCE...

I ENDED UP ABANDONING THE STORE AND FOLLOWING THE RONIN ALL THE WAY TO KYOTO...

.....

SO, YOU'VE FOUND A 'RAISON D'ETRE' MORE INTERESTING THAN ME IN A FREAK SHOW...?

KIRARA
...

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF THAT OKITA SOUJI OR WHATEVER HE'S CALLED FOUND OUT YOU WERE MARRIED TO AN ANTI-SHOGUNATE SPY FROM CHOUSHUU?

BE-SIDES... NOW...

...
I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU, YOU KNOW. EVEN NOW.

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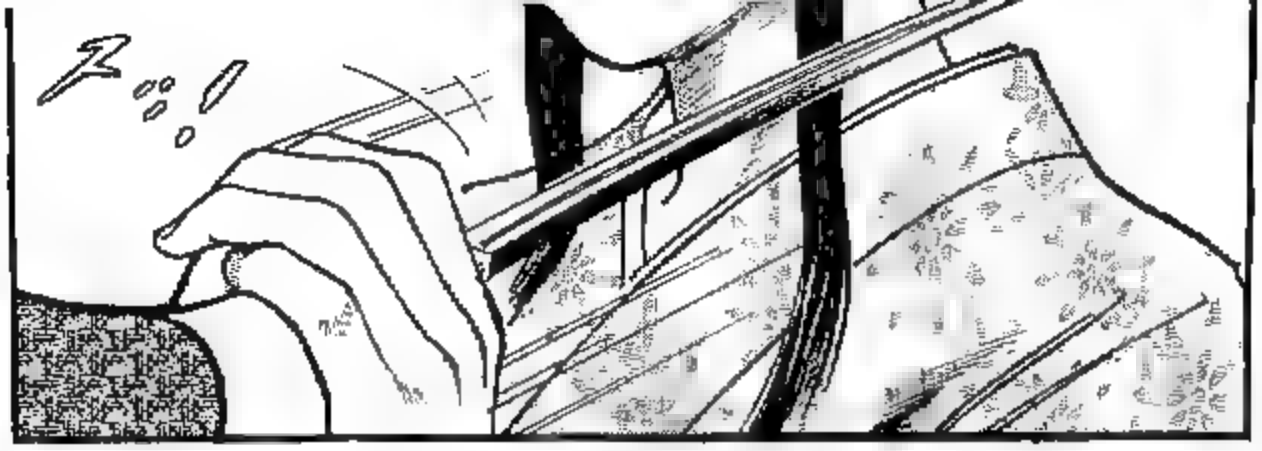
WHA!?

WHEN YOU DIE, I'LL DIE TOO...

BY THIS DEMON SWORD...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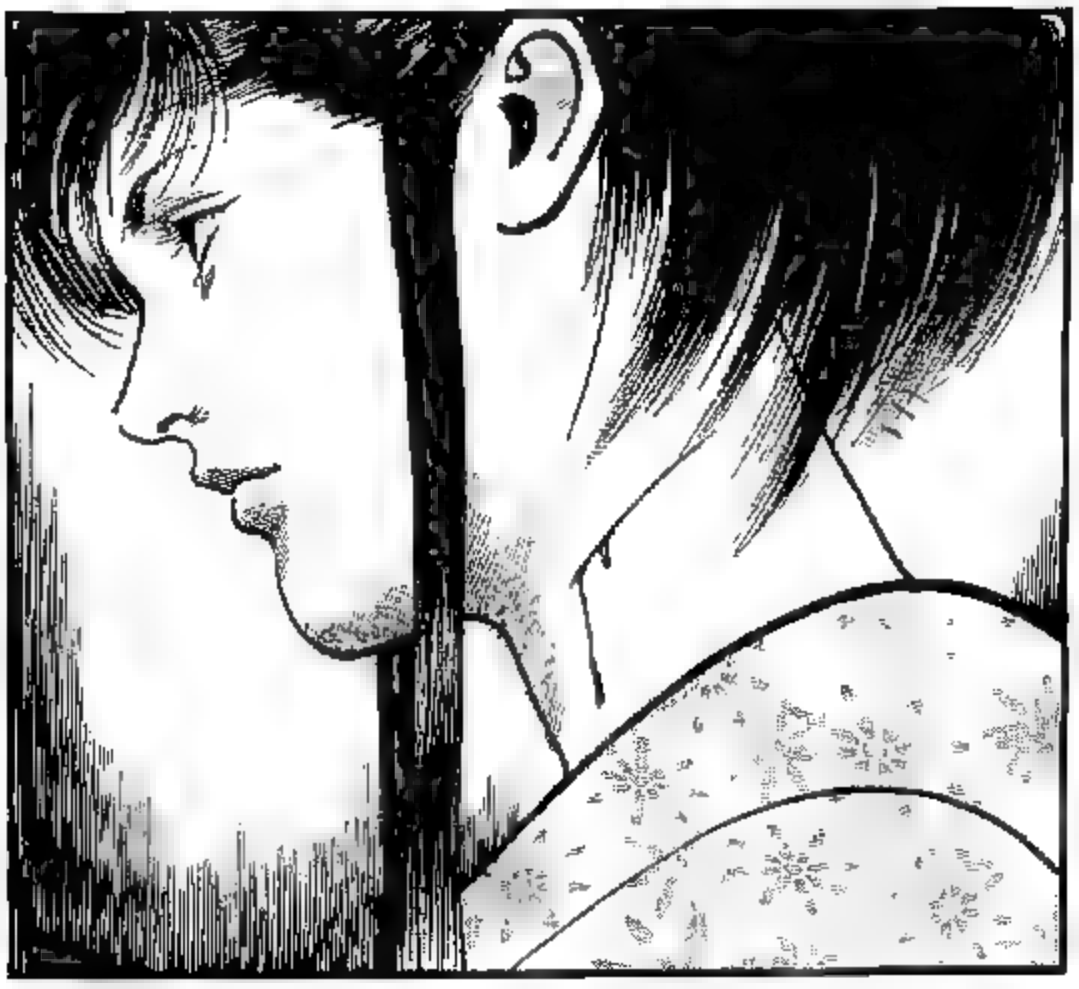

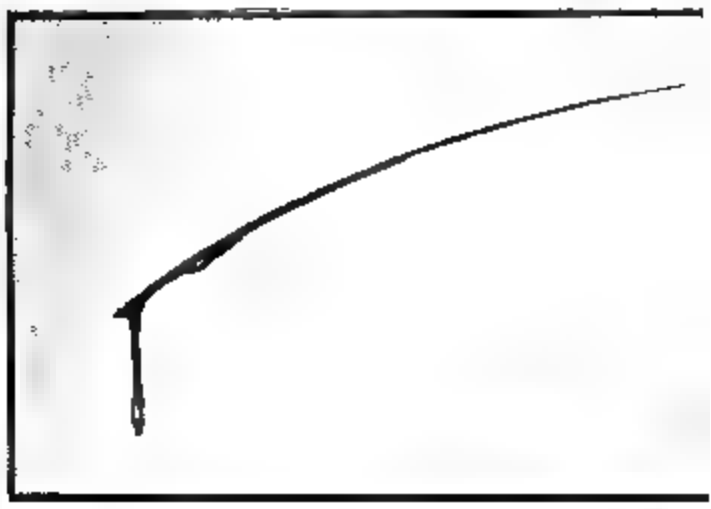

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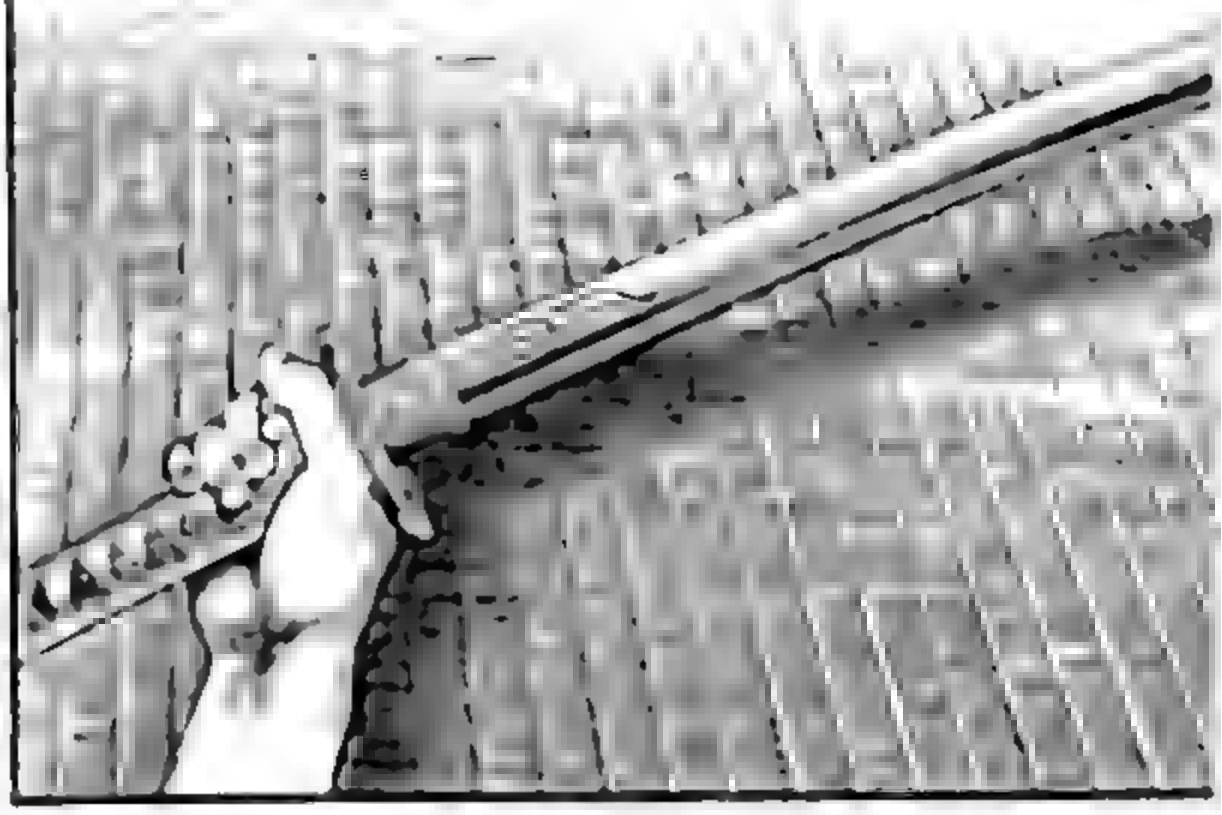

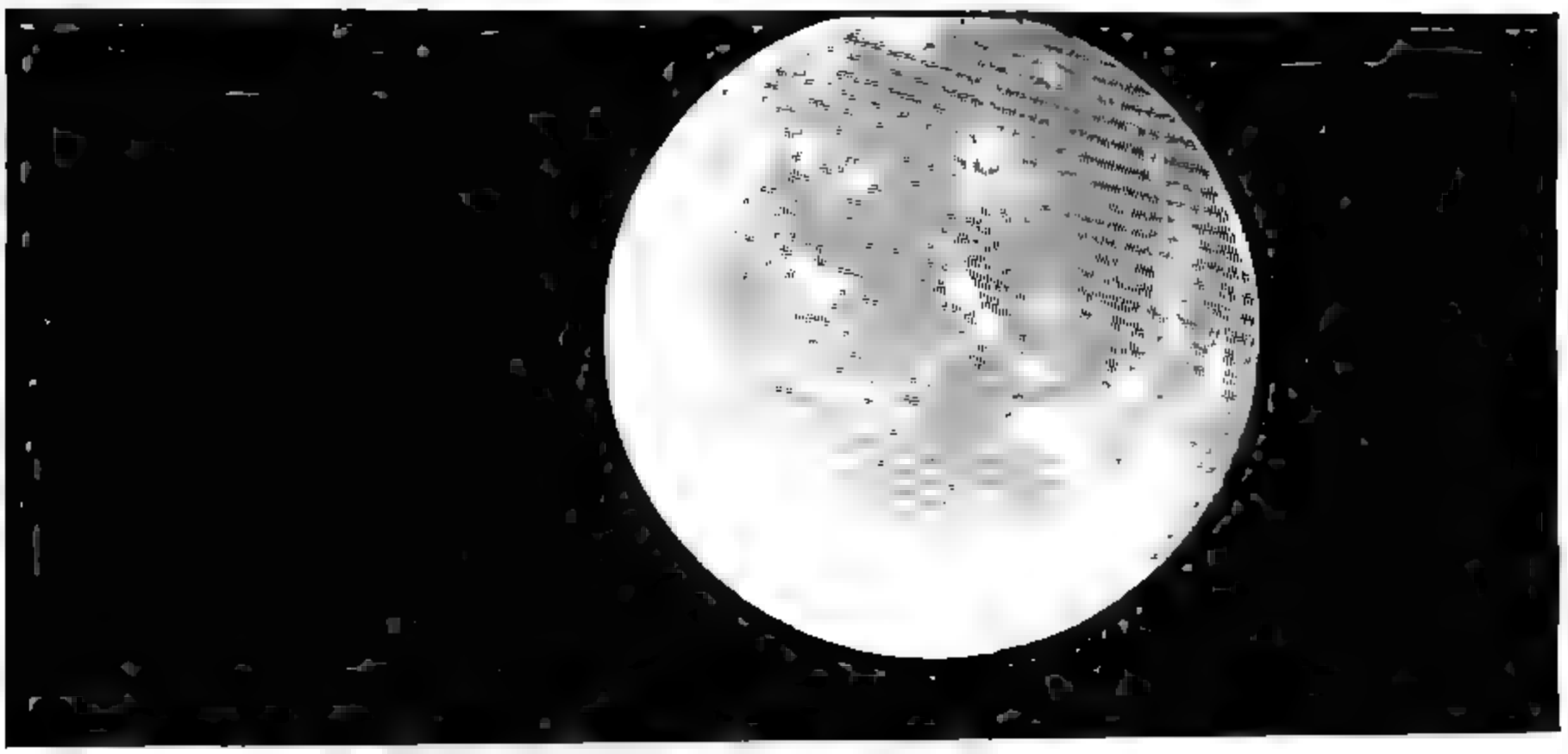

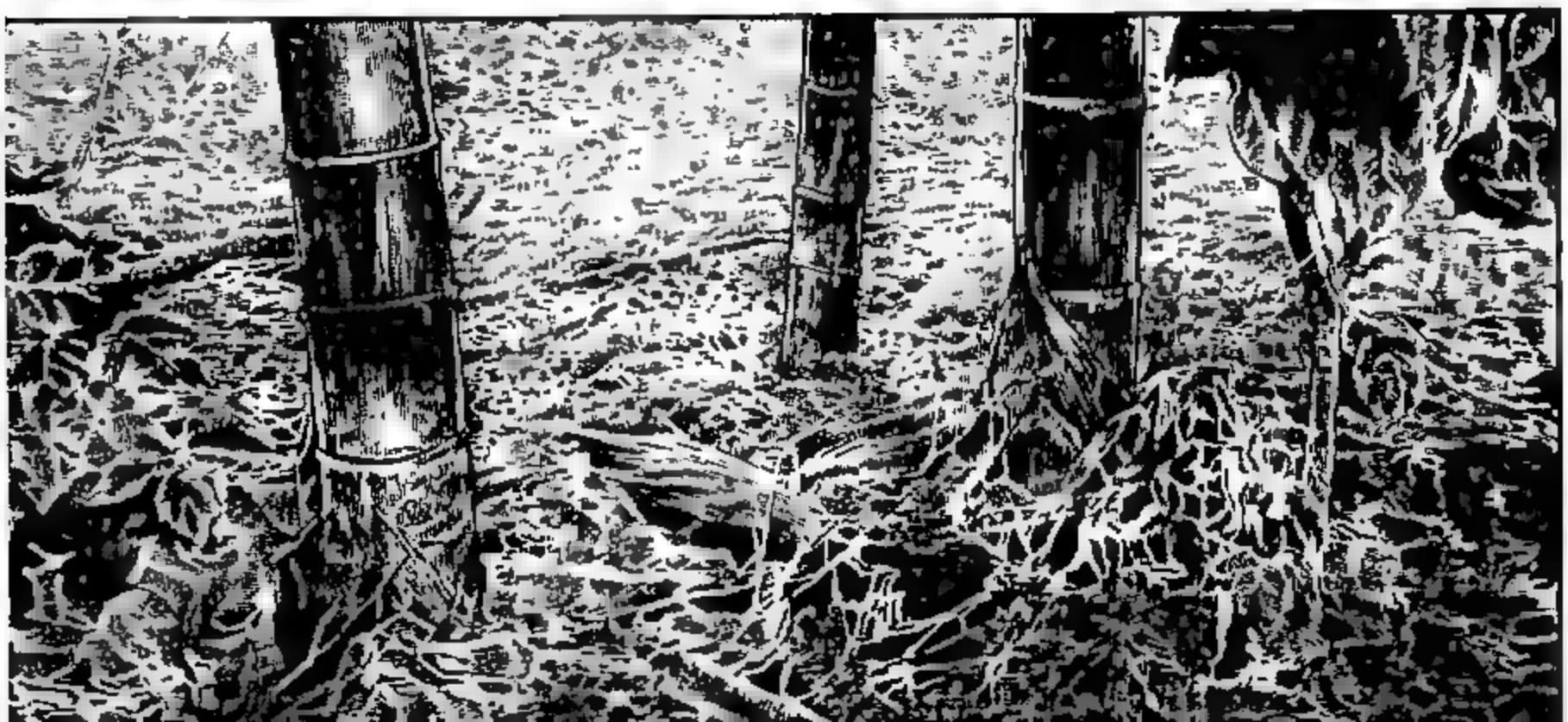

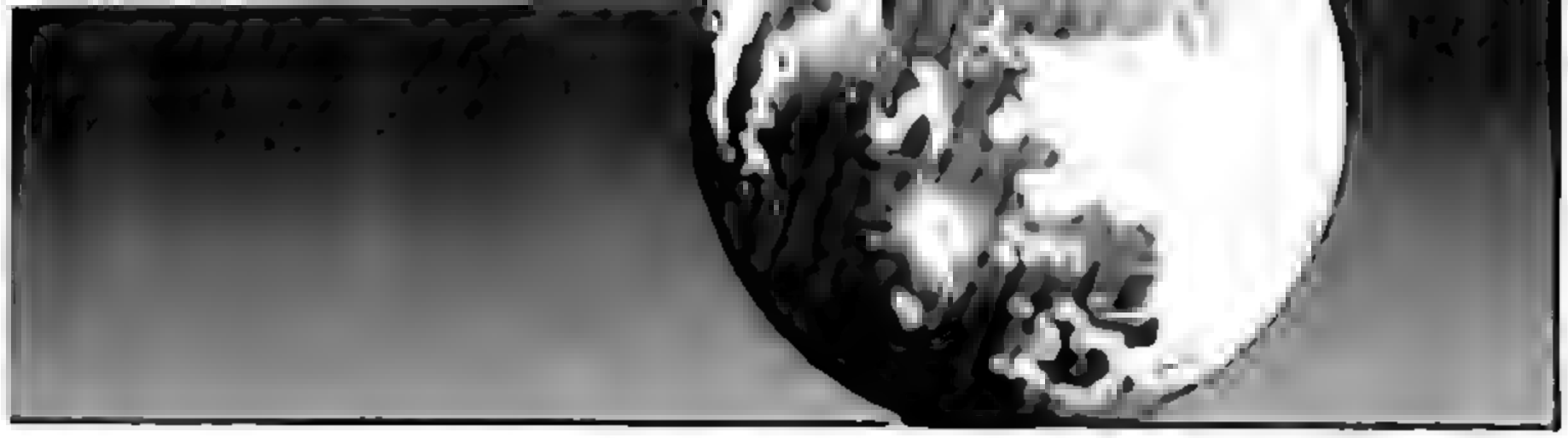

I'D LIKE YOU TO LET ME SHOW MY GRATI-TUDE...

THIS IS FROM WHEN YOU SAVED MY LIFE AT THE AYASHIZA...

I WANTED TO REPAY YOU, SO I ASKED MR. GYUUZOU TO LET ME MEET YOU...

AREN'T YOU IN LOVE WITH OKITA...?

.....

I AM CHARMED BY YOUR BODY.

I WANT TO LIVE WHAT LITTLE LIFE I HAVE LEFT EARNESTLY.

I AM.

HE'S TOO KIND...

BUT ...

HE'S TOO KIND FOR ME.

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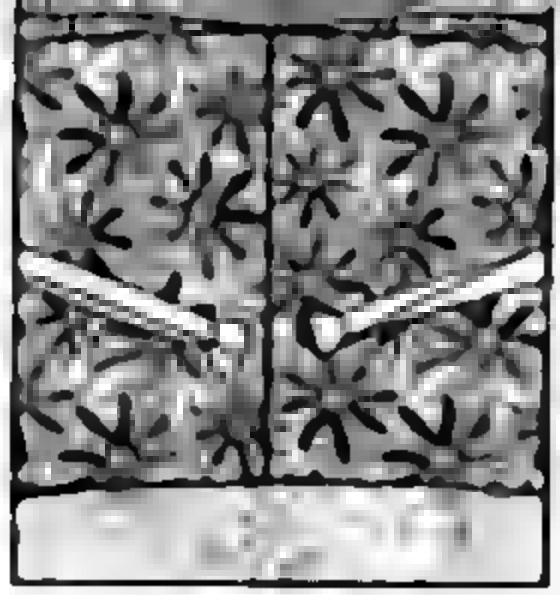

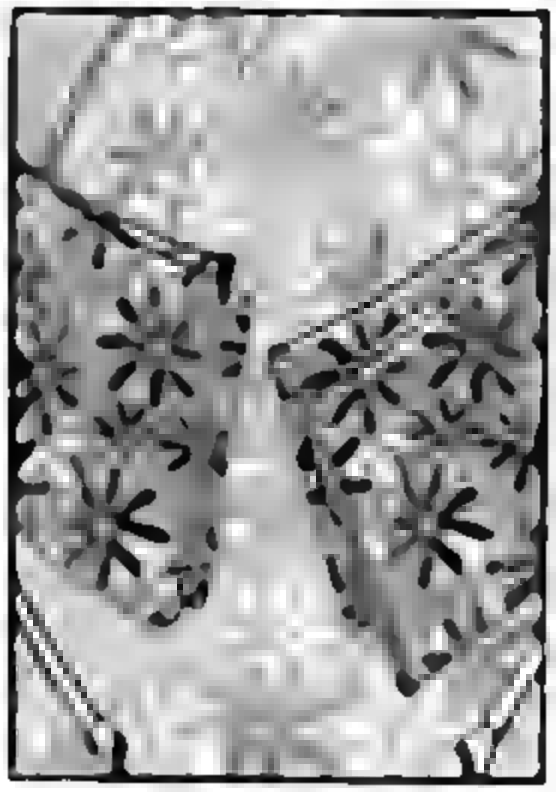

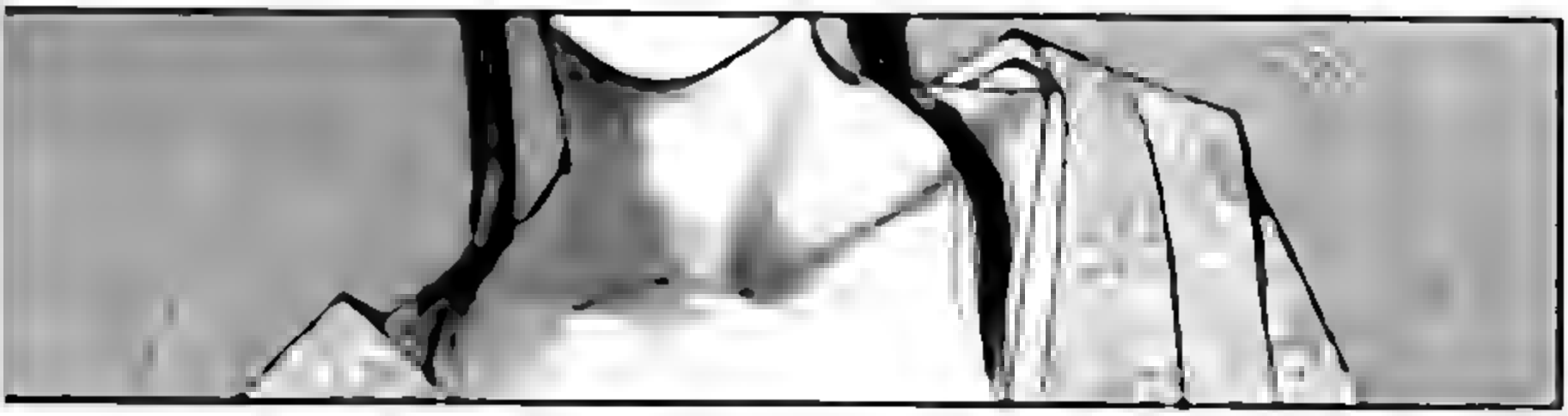

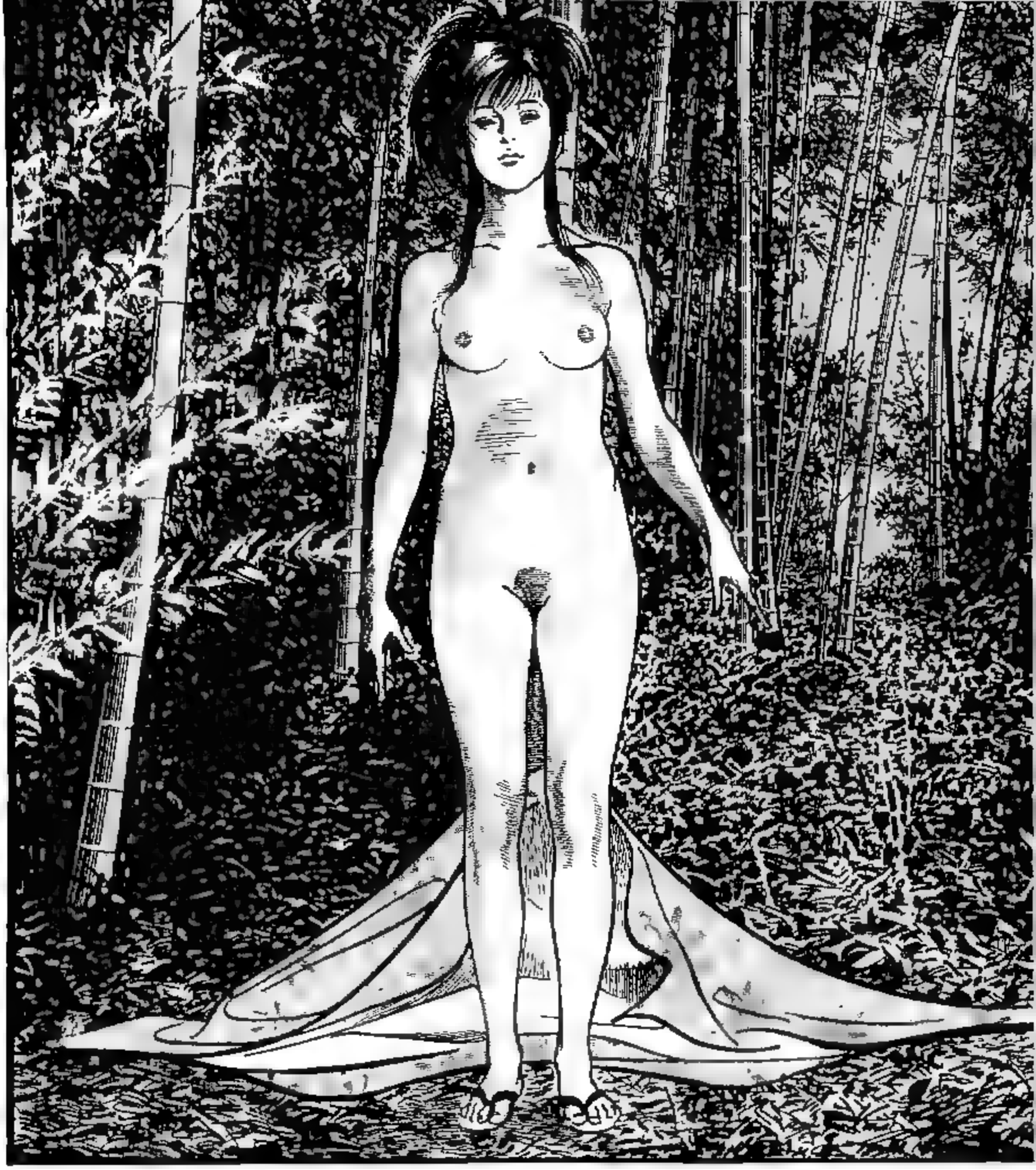

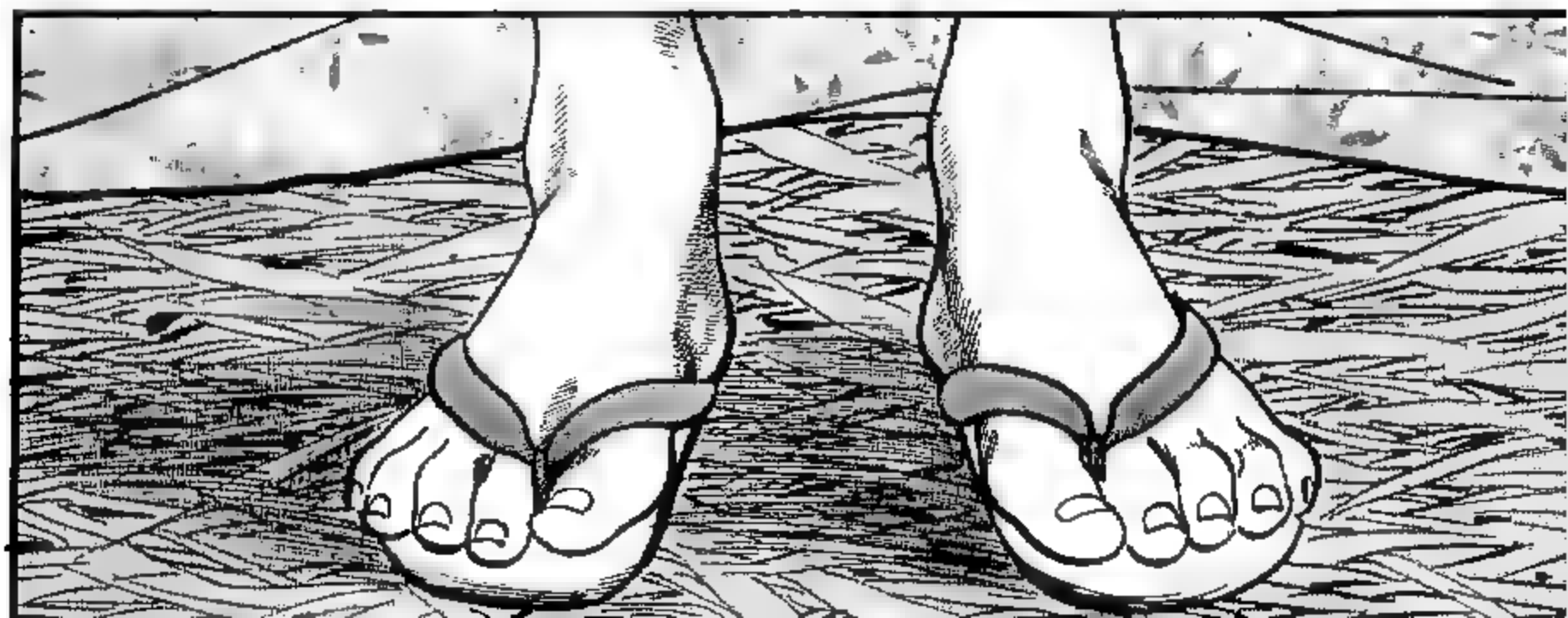

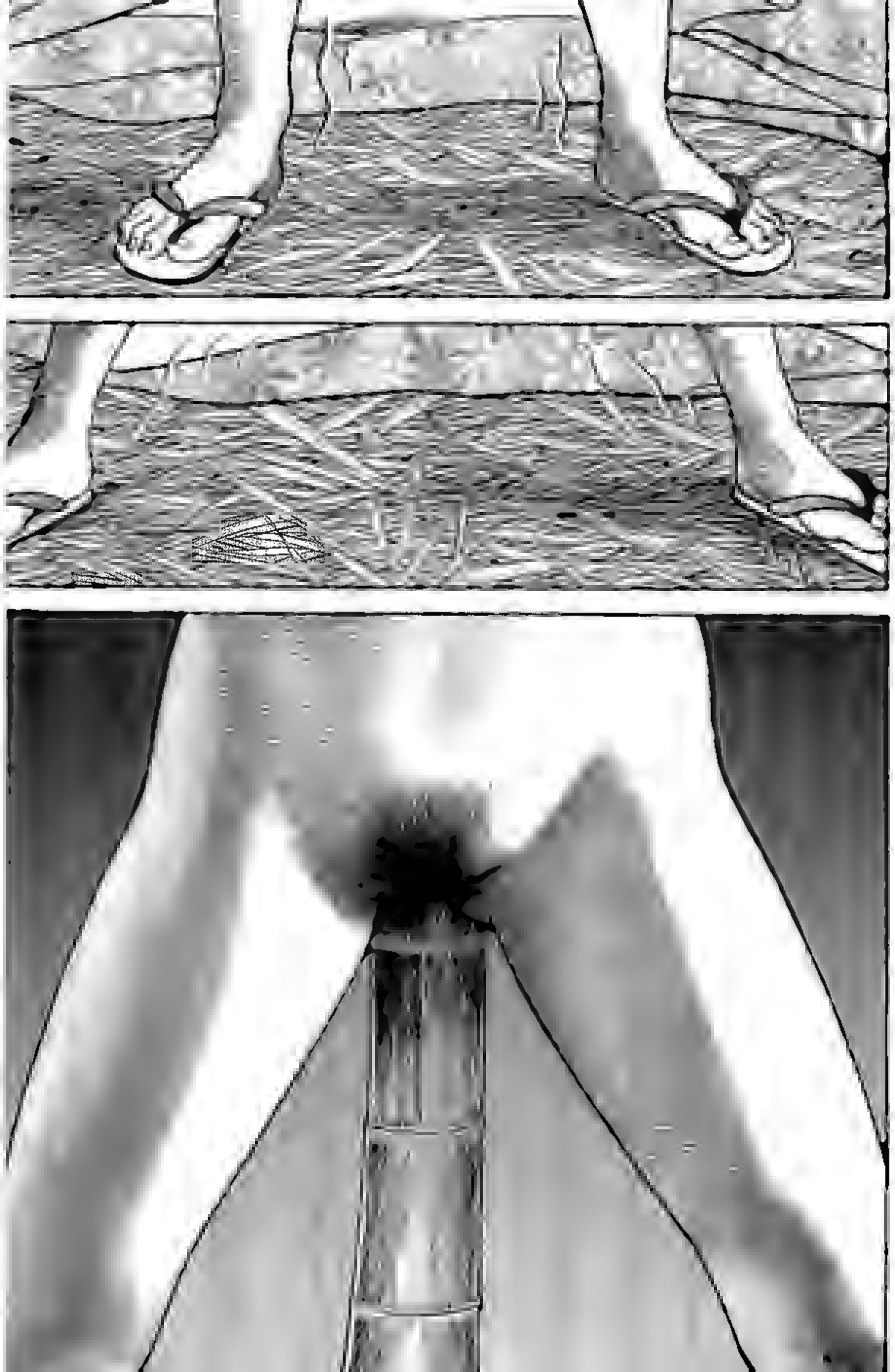

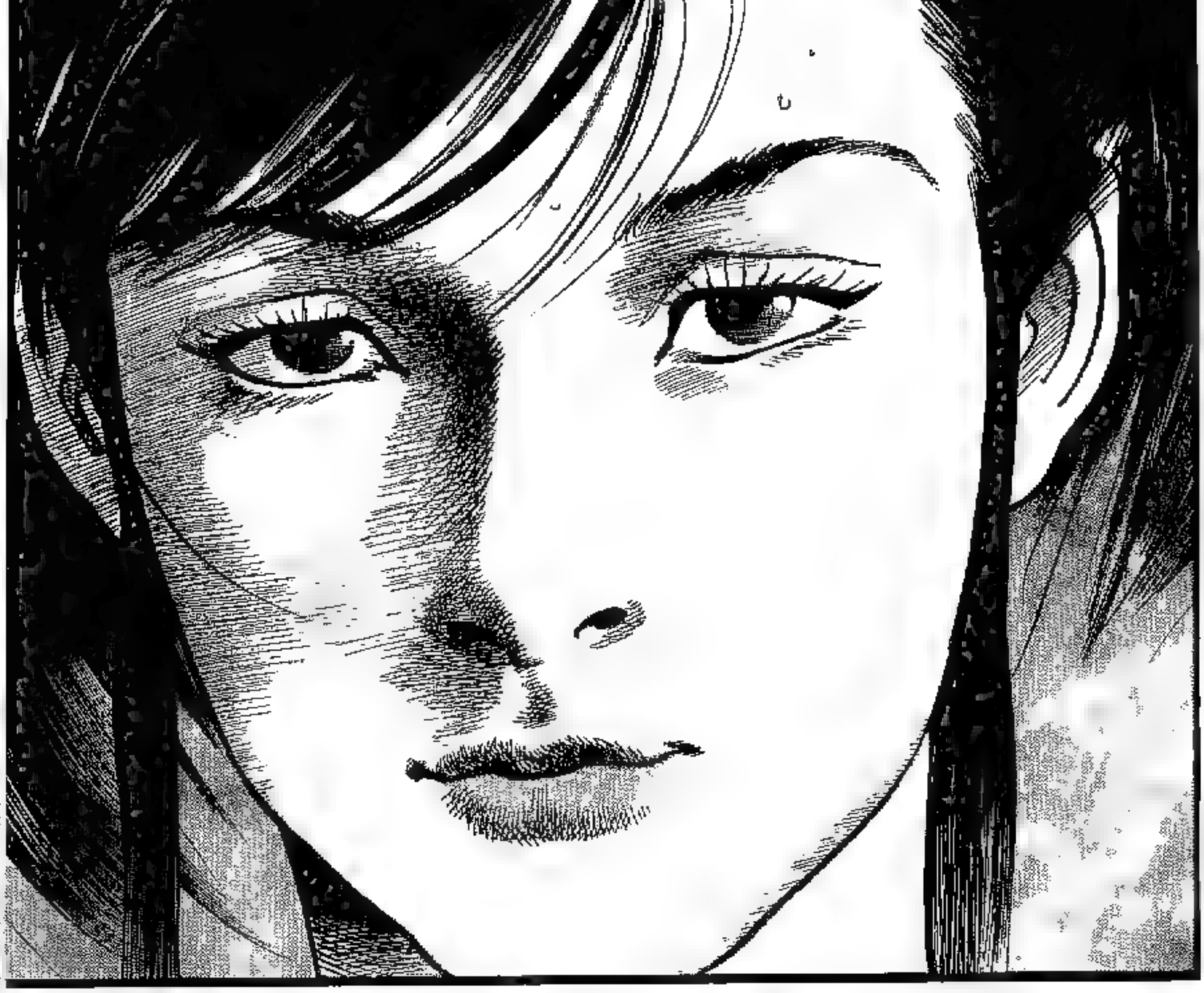

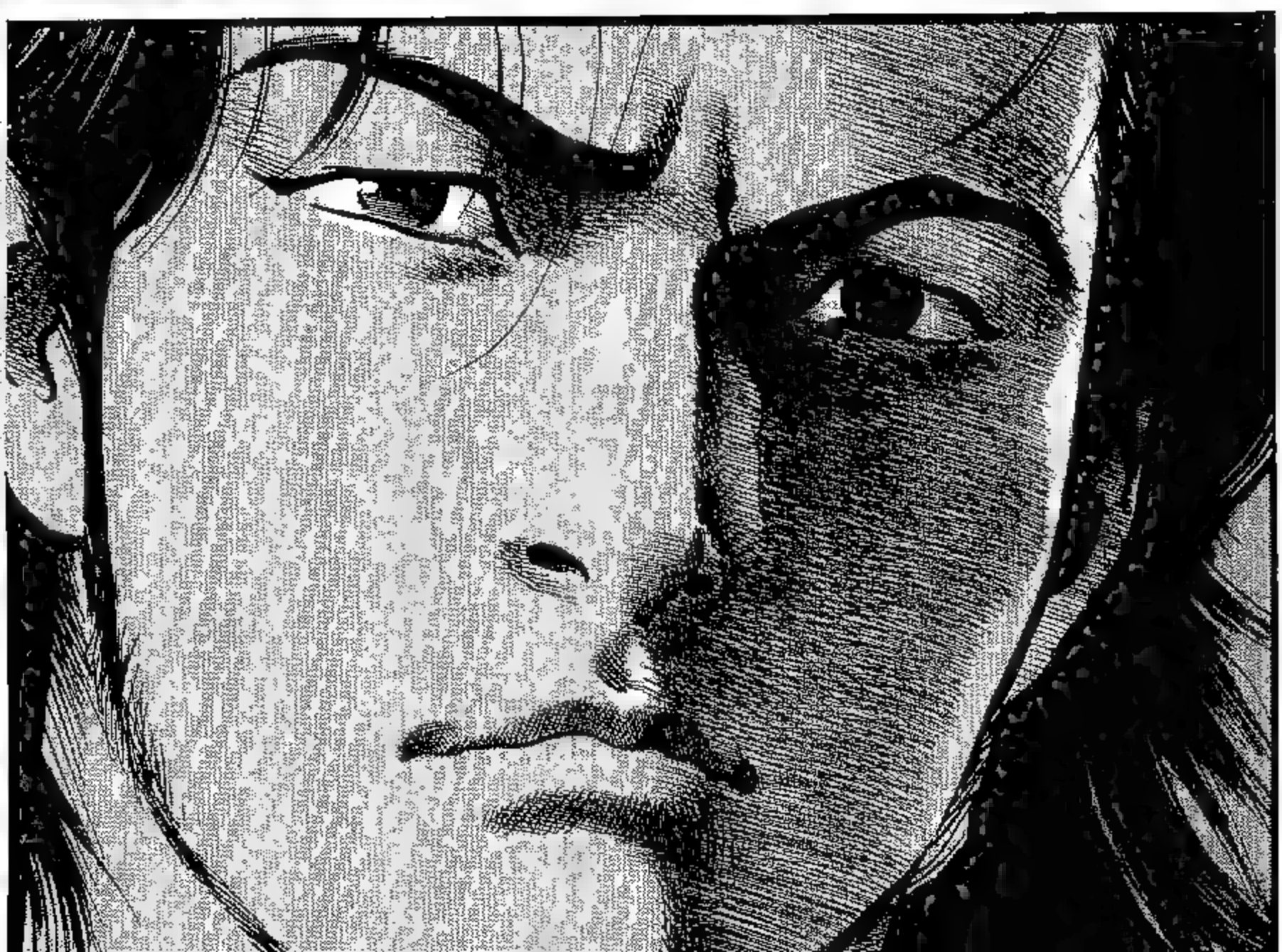

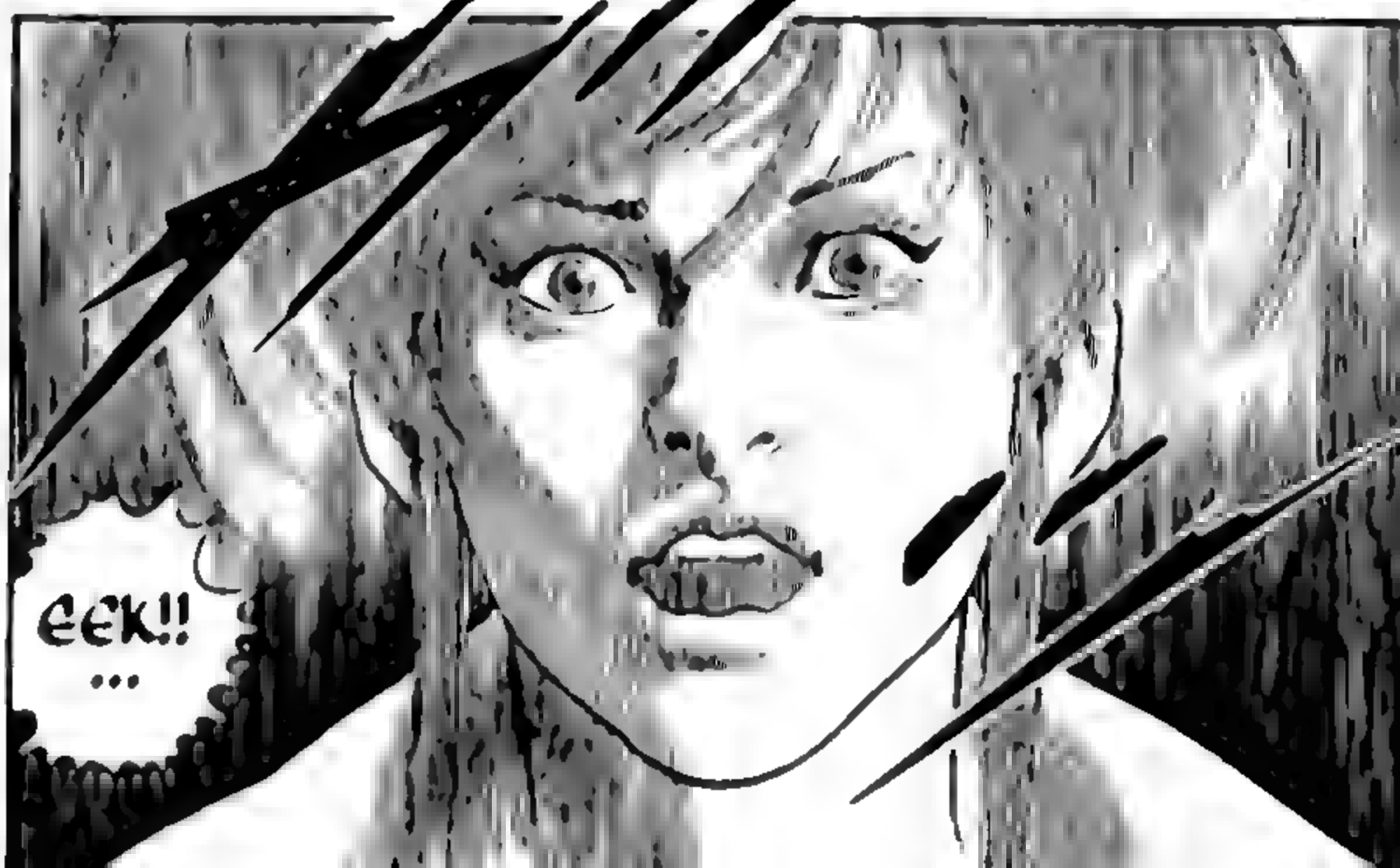
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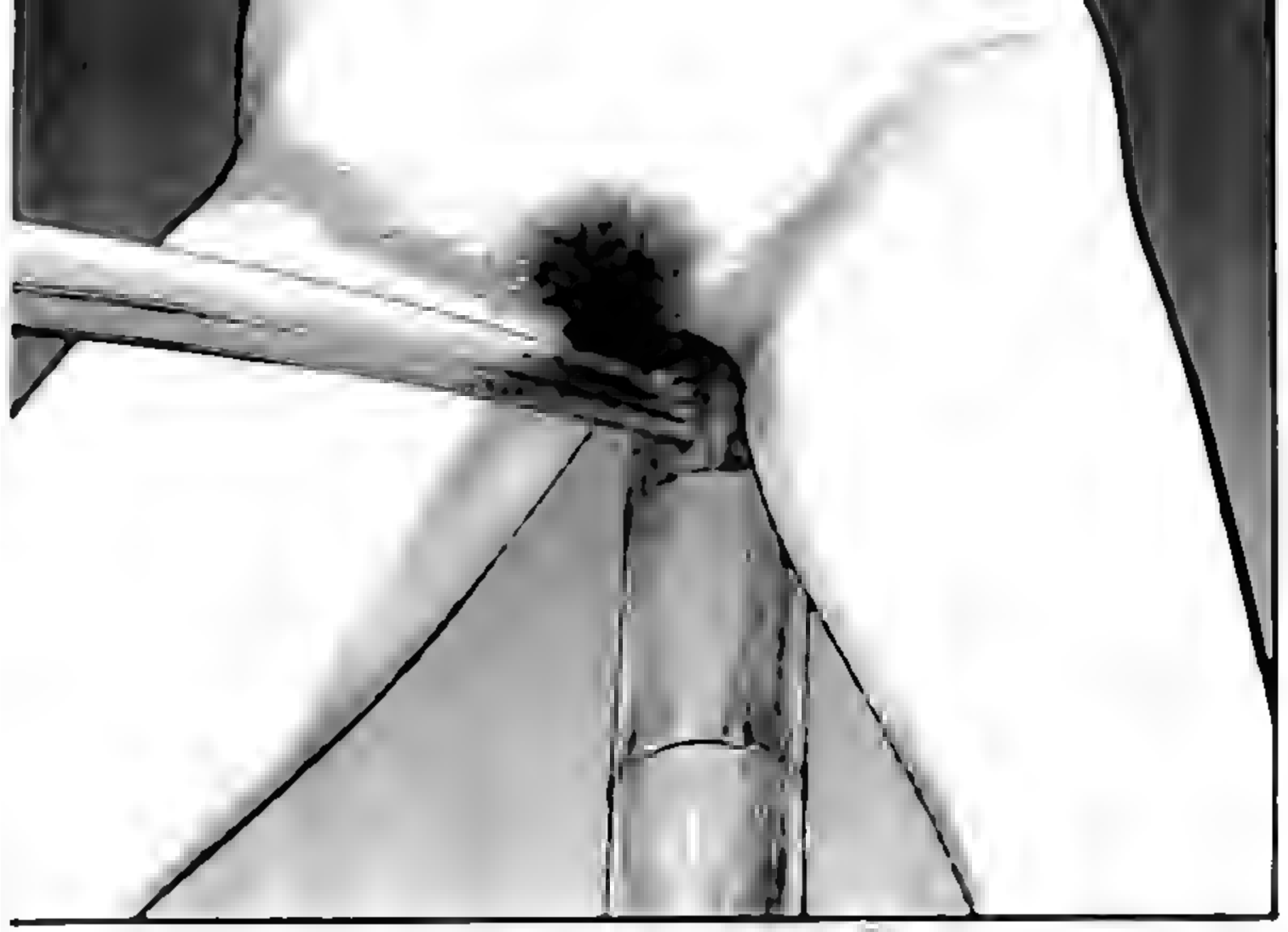

THE FEAR OF THE MOMENT BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH WHEN A BLADE ASSAULTS YOUR BODY...

TO YOU, THAT TERROR BECOMES SHUDDERING PLEASURE.

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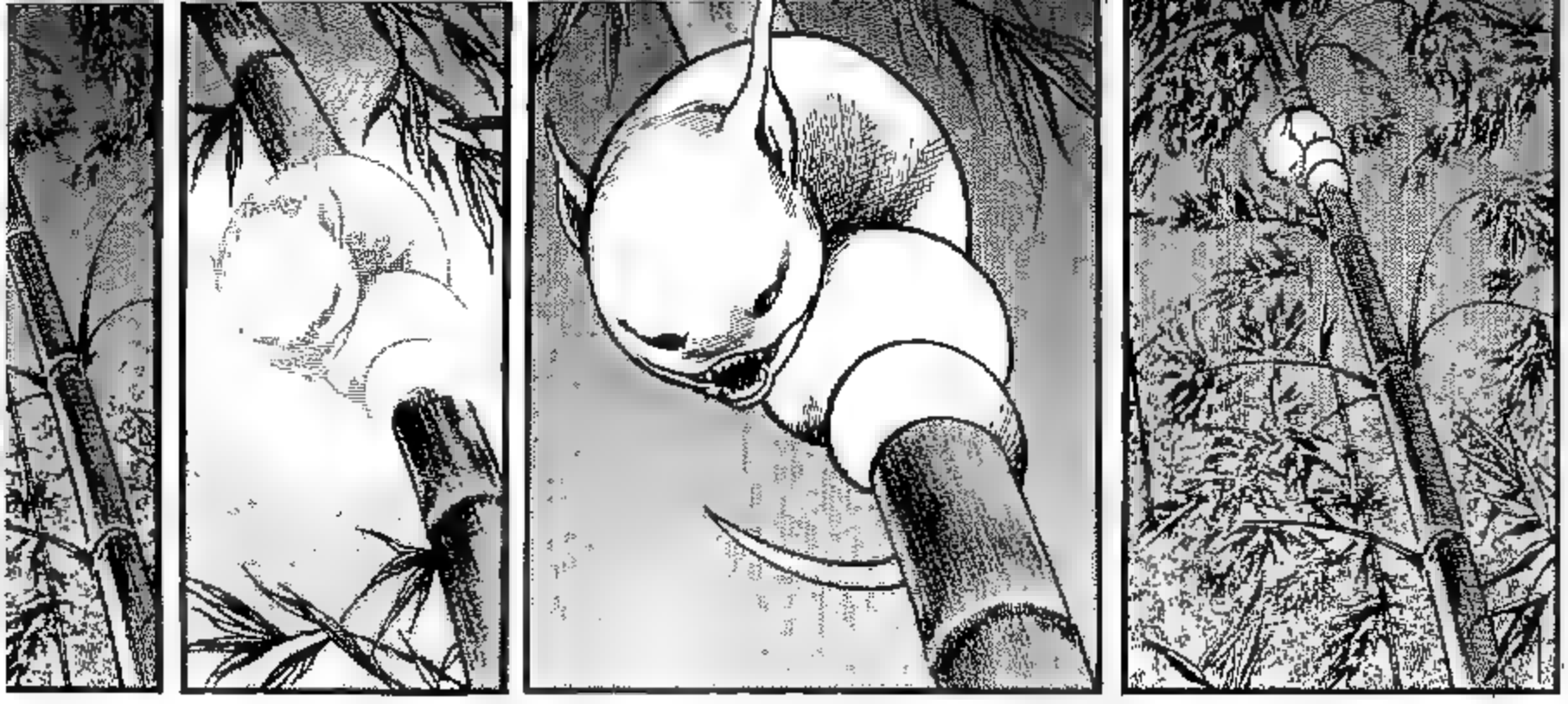
YOU WILL MOST LIKELY ALWAYS SEEK IT OUT... UNTIL DEATH REALLY DOES COME FOR YOU...

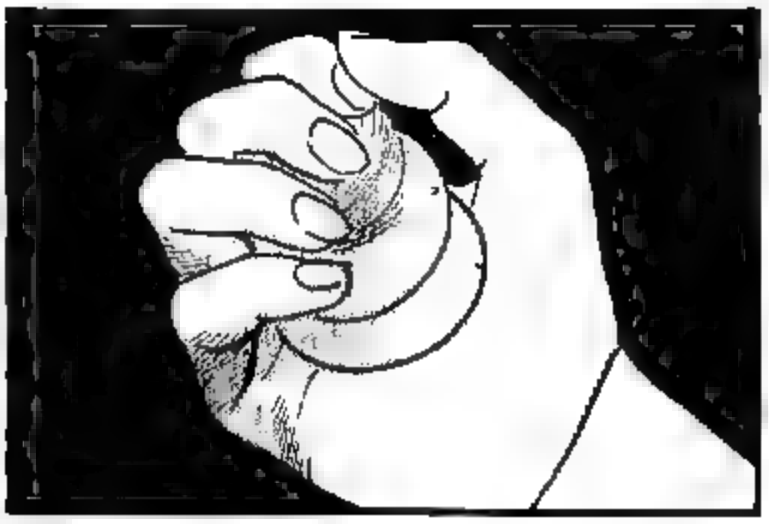
YOUR SOUL IS ILL.

OKITA'S BODY IS ILL.

...
I DON'T DISLIKE SICK PEOPLE.

...
—МЭНМ





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剃髪得度【ていはつとくど】
髪を剃って仏門に入ること。出家。

攘夷【じょうい】
外国を打ち払うという意味。

労咳【ろうがい】
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